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The Steelers' starters saw scant action in an easy win over Carolina. **1B**

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# Ringgold: It's swine flu

One case was confirmed Thursday, but others are likely, the superintendent said.

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NEW EAGLE – There is at least one case of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) in the Ringgold School District.

Superintendent Gary Hamilton confirmed Thursday afternoon that a culture from a sixth grade student at Ringgold Middle School tested positive for H1N1.

Hamilton did not say how many of the cultures came back positive for the virus.

"We have one confirmed with a probability of more," Hamilton said. "Right now, we have one, but not all of the kids were tested and so I'd say the probability for more cases are there."

Hamilton said the district is continuing to take all precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We're doing everything possible and will continue to operate the schools as expected," Hamilton said. "The precautions we are taking are the same for either flu, seasonal or H1N1."

Students in primarily the sixth grade at the Finleyville school first began getting sick on Aug. 28 when 20 of the 262 students in the class were absent.

The number ballooned to 84 on Monday and reached a high of 114 on Tuesday before it dropped to 72 on Thursday.

The district posted a letter informing parents of the test results on the school's Web site.

In the letter, Hamilton informed parents the district has taken a "heightened surveillance stage resulting from the presence of probable and confirmed cases of H1N1 flu in Ringgold Middle

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# Rendell scolds budget committee

One GOP senator chided the governor for failure to participate in the process.

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HARRISBURG – The state Legislature's failure to reach agreement on a budget 66 days past deadline stems from "ideology, partisanship and laziness," Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell said Thursday.

Rendell

Rendell called it "absolutely stunning" that a House-Senate Conference Committee met for only two hours this week and did not return to deliberate. Lawmakers are at odds about eliminating a $3.2 billion deficit.

"This almost seems like Alice in Wonderland where there's no sense of urgency. It's enormously frustrating to me," Rendell said.

His comments irked Senate and House Republicans.

"I take great offense at those comments," said Senate Appropriations Chairman Jake Corman, R-Centre County.

Blaming it on a lack of work ethic by legislative leaders is "outrageous," Corman said. "Don't blame it on my work ethic when you won't participate in the process. He hasn't called a budget meeting in 52 days. We're here. We're here every day."

Lawmakers cannot agree among themselves or with Rendell about whether to raise taxes or significantly cut spending to avoid multibillion-dollar deficits next year and the year after.

Rendell wants lawmakers to approve $300 million more in education funding. He pushed for an income tax increase, which failed to garner support. Now, the governor is suggesting eliminating certain sales tax exemptions.

Pennsylvania is the only state remaining without a budget agreement. The state has a partial, $11 billion budget in place to pay state workers, run the state police, keep prisons secure, and pay contractors.

Corman said Rendell's frequent news conferences about the budget don't accomplish anything.

"This is obviously part of a ploy to delay and create a crisis," he said.

Rendell last month vetoed $12.8 billion from a spending bill, saying the move would pressure lawmakers to make a decision as state funding dries up for day care, pre-K programs, nonprofits and eventually schools and counties.

"He knows full well the longer this goes for him, the better it is for him," said Corman.

Rendell's strategy, said Corman, is to have human service providers pressure lawmakers to vote for $2 billion in higher taxes.

"We're not going to crack," Corman said. "We could be here 'til Christmas and we're not going to vote for $2 billion in taxes."

House Appropriations Chairman

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Philip G. Pavely/For The Valley Independent

**Dale Foraker, of "Two Fat Guys" in Canton, Ohio, applies a fresh coat of sauce to his ribs during the rib cook-off at Heinz Field on Thursday. The weekend rib and music festival continues through Labor Day.**

# Monongahela cop arrested on drug, corruption charges

District Attorney Steve Toprani said George Langan was tipping off dealers.

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MONONGAHELA – A city police officer was arrested this morning on drug trafficking charges, the first person charged as a result of an ongoing grand jury investigation.

George Langan, of Union Street, Monongahela, was arrested while on duty this morning by county detectives, municipal police and the county sheriff.

Langan, whose street name is "G Money," is accused of tipping off at least three suspected drug dealers who were under surveillance by investigators.

Washington County District Attorney Steven M. Toprani announced drug and public corruption charges were filed this morning against Langan.

The grand jury Thursday returned a presentment requesting the district attorney to initiate criminal proceedings against Langan.

The grand jury implicated Langan as an important figure in Monongahela's cocaine trade, asserts that Langan protected drug dealers by alerting them of searches and arrests, and by revealing police information of counter-drug efforts.

The grand jury believes Langan distributed cocaine as a partner in a drug-dealing organization.

Langan was targeted by the grand jury in June after drug task force detectives suspected that several narcotics investigations were compromised by "tip-offs" Langan made to suspects. Toprani, lead prosecutor with the grand jury, commented on the investigation and arrest.

"I view these allegations with a profound sense of sadness. The grand jury asserts that a rogue police officer protected the criminals he was duty-bound to arrest, a blatant example of abusing authority for personal motive. Langan's actions placed my task force detectives and supporting police in peril," Toprani said.

"This renews my commitment to stamp out corruption from law enforcement and government. We will relentlessly investigate and prosecute those who trample the public trust and harm our people."

The investigation was supported by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that investigated Langan at various times over several years.

"Today law enforcement stands together," Toprani remarked. "Without the dedicated assistance from the law enforcement community, the grand jury would have struggled to bring this case forward.

"I thank (city) Chief Brian Tempest, the FBI, state police, the

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# Most Valley districts make grade

Monessen fell short because of a clerical error related to the dropout rate.

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The majority of Mon Valley schools flagged by the state last year for not making progress in student achievement found success this year.

The improvement by local schools follows the trend statewide as 78 percent of public schools made adequate yearly progress, or AYP, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Secretary of Education Gerald Zahorchak announced yesterday at a news conference with Gov. Ed Rendell.

Zahorchak touted improved results on the Pennsylvania State System of Assessment, or PSSA, the standardized tests that determine whether students are at grade level in reading and math.

Statewide, the percentage of students at grade level rose slightly in both reading and math for every grade.

"These results show that Pennsylvania is continuing to boost achievement, and we have momentum on our side," Rendell said.

Testing of students in grades three to eight and 11 is one way districts and schools are assessed under the No Child Left Behind Act. Schools districts also must meet AYP guidelines in attendance, graduation rates and test participation.

School districts can make AYP overall even if some individual schools do not.

When a school fails to make AYP, district officials are required to notify parents and write a plan for improvement. After two or more years, a district may be required to allow students to transfer elsewhere, and it will face increased state oversight of curriculum and school leadership.

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# VALLEY PEOPLE

## Yesteryear

**The four Sisler sisters had their photo taken in 1980. From left are Emma Fransko, Ella Worley, Viola Baxter and Annabelle Wall. The 40th Sisler family reunion was held recently at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township. The photo was submitted by Maggie Dora, of Monongahela, daughter of Viola Baxter.**

***If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.***

## Weather

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# Budget flap threatens educational progress

Education Secretary Gerald Zahorchak fears impact of stalemate.

**By RICHARD ROBBINS**
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The advances Pennsylvania has made in education are being threatened by the $27.3 billion budget proposed by Senate Republicans, state Secretary of Education Gerald Zahorchak said Thursday.

"This year it would hurt," Zahorchak said of the GOP plan to slash funding for education by $300 million. "But in 2011, it would decimate" public education in Pennsylvania.

In what otherwise was a pep talk to education students at St. Vincent College, Zahorchak touched on the budget impasse between the Rendell administration, whose budget plan stands at $28.2 billion, and the Republican-controlled state Senate. The secretary said differences over the amount of money going to public schools was at the heart of the deadlock, now in its third month.

After speaking to about 200 undergraduates at the liberal arts school in Unity Township, Zahorchak, a former superintendent of schools in Johnstown, told reporters the administration has cut the budget as much as it can and it was up to Senate Republicans to make concessions.

Zahorchak told students the GOP leadership was playing a "shell game" that would result in higher local property taxes, as school districts attempt to make up the cost of educating their students.

Funding for schools across the state was $4 billion short of "what it costs to get all students up to proficiency," a study by the General Assembly concluded three years ago, the secretary said. The administration's goal was to furnish $2.65 billion of that shortfall by 2011, with school districts picking up the additional cost.

Under the GOP proposal, Zahorchak said, that attempt would be jeopardized. The 2009-2010 Republican budget, he maintained, would slash funding to 2005 levels, making it unlikely that the 2011 target would be met.

Zahorchak, a former principal and classroom teacher, challenged students to study hard and exceed expectations, in preparation for the day when they will step into the classroom as teachers. The times demand it, he said. Zahorchak painted a bleak picture of the United States falling behind China, India and South Korea in preparing students to compete for jobs in the 21st century.

The U.S. used to be No. 1 in education, Zahorchak said, but "we've slipped a lot." Not only is the public school graduation rate higher in South Korea, but that country produces more college-educated engineers than the United States, he said.

"We have kids that don't achieve and we have kids that drop out, and that is where teaching matters most," Zahorchak said.

Pennsylvania needs teachers who "engage with every child," the secretary said. Studies show that "good teachers" can impact student achievement in an "enormous" fashion, while "poor teachers" can actually retard student progress.

Zahorchak said the state Department of Education under successive administrations has worked hard to develop effective teaching strategies, and those efforts are now showing results.

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School."

Hamilton tells parents that despite the confirmed case, "we believe students can safely attend classes and schools will remain open at this time."

Hamilton advised parents that children who have fevers, sore throats or coughs should be kept home from school. Parents are asked to keep their children at home at least 24 hours after their fever has gone down and the child is no longer taking fever-reducing drugs.

The letter also outlines safeguards parents can practice with their children to reduce the risk of getting the flu.

"We are working with the state Health Department to monitor the situation here and will make all decisions in consultation with them," Hamilton said in the letter. "We will inform parents immediately if the situation changes and if it becomes necessary to dismiss schools."

# Districts (FROM PAGE ONE)

This year, 95 percent of the state's 500 districts made AYP.

In the Mon Valley, only four individual schools did not make AYP this year, a drastic drop from the 14 that were flagged last year.

The only local district to not make AYP was Monessen, which met every academic benchmark, but did not meet a graduation rate target.

This is the second consecutive year Monessen has been placed on warning status.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen blamed a clerical error for the district's status.

The elementary and middle schools both made AYP this year. The high school did meet all of required academic components of the tests.

Chelen said the high school would have made AYP if not for the clerical error, explaining that students who had moved away were accidentally coded as dropouts, inflating the number to 23, when only two or three students actually had quit school.

Chelen said they had an opportunity to catch the error when the state sends the reports to the districts for review and corrections, but Chelen said the mistake was again overlooked.

When Chelen called a state official to make the correction, she said her plea was met with deaf ears.

"They told me we had an opportunity to correct it, which I agree with, but I told her they also have the capability to fix this on their end," Chelen said. "When I told her how hard this would be to justify to our school board and the community, I was told, 'Well, it's a hard lesson to learn.'"

Chelen said that while she is frustrated with the state testing system, she is pleased with the progress made at all three schools.

"We met all of our academic targets at each school, which says something," she said.

State Department of Education spokesman Mike Race said districts had from July 20 to Aug. 4 to submit appeals for corrections. He said 127 districts filed appeals, but only 27 were successful.

In the Belle Vernon Area School District, four out of five schools – the high school, Bellmar Middle and Marion and Rostraver elementary schools – were flagged for not making AYP last year.

This year, only Marion Elementary School did not make AYP. The school fell short as a small group of special education students did not meet the target in reading. Marion has been placed in the "School Improvement" category, which means it will be monitored by the state for the next two years.

BVA school officials recently said the district has made considerable improvements.

But because Marion did not make AYP again, the district was required by the state to tell parents they can send their children to another district elementary school.

Yough Senior High School received a warning after missing targets for math. Principal Earl Thompson said the district would rewrite its math curriculum.

"We're going to dig deeper into the data, the strengths and weakness of our students, and we'll plan instruction based on that," he said.

Still, he said, the failure to make AYP came as a blow, especially after the school met all its targets in 2007 and 2008.

"I'm not here to make any excuses," he said. "We felt we had things under control, and this came as a shock."

In Washington County, Bentworth, California Area, Charleroi Area and the Ringgold School Districts all made AYP.

The Bentworth and California elementary schools were flagged last year, but made AYP this year.

California Area Superintendent Linda Mancini attributed the elementary school's success to Principal Mike Sears and its teachers.

"We took a look at all of the data and focused on those weak areas and really worked hard to improve, and it made a big difference," Mancini said.

In the Charleroi Area School District, students at the elementary and high schools did not make AYP in the report issued in 2008. Both schools made AYP for 2009.

"We were concerned about where we were last year," Superintendent Dr. Brad Ferko said. "But we put some new programs in."

Ferko said the improved scores are a testament to the teachers, administrators and the school board, which supported the addition of a PSSA review class. Ferko noted that 11th grade students' scores nearly doubled over the two years.

Ferko said he was pleased not only by the overall scores, but the success among students in the economic-disadvantaged and special needs categories.

Despite the success this year, Ferko reiterated his concerns about the PSSA tests.

"I still don't believe one high-stakes test measures the success of a school, but that's the rules under which we live," Ferko said.

Even though Ringgold did not make AYP at the high school, Assistant to the Superintendent Dr. Karen Polkabla said the district has made great strides over the year.

She noted that in 2008 both Monongahela and Donora elementary centers failed to make AYP, and in 2009 both schools passed.

She said the high school "failed in one small area or criteria."

The high school's only failing grade came in mathematics for economically disadvantaged students.

As a result, the school was put in the category of School Improvement 2.

"That means if we had another high school in the district we could offer school choice," Polkabla said. "We don't. We also have to offer supplemental educational services to the economically disadvantaged students at the high school.

"That is a Title 1 requirement," she said.

Polkabla said the district will work hard to bring that one area up to a passing grade as well as maintain all of the gains that were made throughout the district.

"We really did make some nice improvements throughout the district that our staff and students should be proud of," Polkabla said. "It was just one small area where we failed, and we will work to change that."

Elsewhere around the Valley, the Frazier School District and Elizabeth-Forward school districts both made AYP. But in E-F, the high school did not make AYP and fell short in the economically disadvantaged reading group.

While Rendell attributed gains to increased investment in education, nearly 10 percent of schools were able to make AYP this year only because of a new way of determining whether targets were met.

According to the "growth model," if a student is on track to be at grade level in reading and math within two years, that student is counted as already proficient.

The federal government permitted a dozen states to begin using the growth model this year. The states were required to demonstrate that they could accurately predict future test scores using a scientific model.

"We're pleased that we are one of the states permitted by federal law," Zahorchak said. "The growth model added 300 schools and 16 districts."

*Staff Writers Chris Buckley and Jeff Oliver and the Tribune-Review contributed to this report.*

# Cop (FROM PAGE ONE)

Attorney General's Office and Detective Levi and the task force for their service to the people of Monongahela. In the face of these allegations, I remain ever proud to serve with the finest in law enforcement here in Washington County."

Langan faces 10 counts: obstruction of justice, hindering apprehension, official oppression, possession of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), delivery of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine), criminal conspiracy, corrupt organization, witness intimidation, criminal use of a communication facility, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The grand jury, the first in the county in three decades, was formed for an 18-month term to investigate allegations of criminal activity. Its work will continue.

# Rendell (FROM PAGE ONE)

Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia, said this week that it would take a combination of $1.5 billion to $2 billion in taxes and spending cuts to avoid deficits over a three-year period.

"It's almost Labor Day," Corman said. "This needs to get done now. There is a sense of urgency on our part."

He noted that Senate Republicans don't control the schedule of the conference committee; Evans chairs it.

Lawmakers said the panel recessed so staffers could prepare spreadsheets to compare competing proposals. No date was set to resume talks.

## VALLEY GRAPEVINE

### Belle Vernon Area yearbooks arrive

Belle Vernon Area High School 2009 yearbooks have arrived.

Graduates may pick up yearbooks 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sept. 11 in the high school lobby. Yearbooks will not be available in the main office.

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# Valley briefs

## New work hours focus of meeting

Members of SEIU Local 668, which represents most of Fayette County's 500 employees, will hold an emergency meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Public Service Building to discuss a proposal to reduce employee hours during the state budget impasse.

Fayette County commissioners Vincent Vicites and Vincent Zapotosky want employees to work 30 hours weekly, instead of the current 37.5, so the savings can be diverted toward maintaining human services. Rose Cindric, business agent with Local 668, said another proposal entails layoffs.

Cindric said a similar meeting will be held Wednesday with employees of Children and Youth Services.

Because state legislators have not passed a budget, state funding for transportation, child and mental health services is running out, commissioners said. They want to use money from the county's general fund to pay for those services until state funding becomes available.

## Local Episcopalians get new bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has nominated an Ohio bishop to lead it for several years until a permanent bishop can be elected.

The diocese's standing committee wants the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price Jr. to serve as provisional bishop. Price has been an assisting bishop in the Southern Ohio diocese since 1994 and served as its interim bishop from January 2006 through August 2007.

He must still be formally elected at the diocesan convention Oct. 17.

At last years' convention, a majority of the diocese's more conservative parishes voted to leave the diocese and align with conservative Anglican churches worldwide. Bishop Robert Duncan helped lead that movement and has been removed as diocesan bishop.

The diocese lists 26 member parishes on its Web site, down from 74 before the split.

## Woman charged with raping man

Police say a Washington County woman raped a man and burned him with a curling iron to get him to comply.

Samantha Harvey, 22, of Washington, Pa., knew the 22-year-old man she allegedly assaulted, police said.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Harvey, who is jailed because the new charges violate her probation on theft and threat charges for stealing money from her grandmother in 2006.

Police arrested Harvey Tuesday after investigating the man's claim that she forced him to have sex at his home on Aug. 20.

The man told police Harvey clipped the hot curling iron to his ear and burned his genitals with it.

Harvey is also charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, terroristic threats and reckless endangerment, according to police.

Scott Moody/For The Valley Independent

**Emergency personnel watch as a 10-year-old boy who was struck by a truck in Washington Township early Thursday night is put aboard an ambulance for transport to Monongahela Valley Hospital. A condition report on the unidentified victim was not available before presstime today.**

# One dead, one hurt in accidents

A motorcyclist was killed and a pedestrian injured in separate accidents in the region Thursday and early today.

Westmoreland County Deputy Coroner F. Christopher O'Leath sidentified the victim of the fatal mishap as Brian Lee Yezek, 28, of Carpendertown Mine Road, Mt. Pleasant.

Yezek was pronounced dead at the scene at 1:10 this morning, according to O'Leeath, who reported the victim was not wearing a helmet .

State police at Belle Vernon barracks said Yezek was merging onto Interstate 70 in Yukon when he collided with a tractor trailer in the interstate.

The unidentified driver of the tractor-trailer told police he never saw the motorcyclist and that he only felt him hit the side of his vehicle.

Additional details on the accident were not available before presstime.

The victim of the other mishap was an unidentifiend 10-year-old boy who was struck by a truck Wednesday at about 7:10 p.m. while attempting to cross Scalabrini Road near the ballfields in Washington Township.

Township police Officer Ray Moody said the youth was in between two vehicles when he entered the road, and into the path of a 1986 Chevrolet truck driven by a 17-year-old male, whose name was also not released. Moody said he does not believe any charges will be filed against the teen driver.

The youth was transported to Monongahela Valley Hospital by a South West EMS ambulance. A report on his condition was not available before presstime today.

# Clairton blast kills one, injures another

Victim of coke works explosion was working for an independent contractor.

**For The Valley Independent**

A contractor working in U.S. Steel's Clairton Plant died Thursday in an explosion that injured a second contractor, officials said.

The explosion and resulting fire at 11:26 a.m. occurred in the by-products area for coke batteries, arrays of ovens where coal is baked into coke for steelmaking, according to Allegheny County emergency and health officials.

"We heard this big boom," said Dan Benson, 56, of Manor, an employee at the coke works for 16 years who was on his lunch break when it occurred. "You knew something went down. It was like two trains colliding, and you could see the smoke."

Nicholas Revetta, 32, of Pleasant Hills was taken to Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Jefferson Hills, where he died.

The other victim, whose identity wasn't released, was taken to UPMC Mercy, Uptown, which often treats burn victims. His condition was not available.

Coke plant employees said the injured men worked for Power Piping Co. in Lawrenceville, which specializes in installing industrial pipes and high-pressure equipment. The company declined to comment.

News of Revetta's death stunned his next-door neighbors, Dan and Christen Damico.

Revetta was the married father of two children, a 3-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl, the Damicos said. Revetta's wife, Maureen, is a schoolteacher, they said.

The family moved to Pleasant Hills from Clairton about 18 months ago, Dan Damico said.

"We talked about the Penguins games over the hedge or when we shoveled snow. He was not a chatterbox. He was a wonderful father, though. You could really tell that by just looking at him with his kids," Dan Damico said.

Revetta spent much of his off time fixing his home and working on landscaping the yard. He once spent a full day cleaning and fixing a large play set in the backyard, the Damicos said.

U.S. Steel has a fire department, which responded to the scene. A company spokeswoman, citing privacy laws, said she could not reveal the injured worker's identity.

"Safety is our company's top priority, and a full investigation into the incident will be undertaken in cooperation with the union," U.S. Steel spokeswoman Courtney Boone said in a statement.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration was investigating.

The company notified the county Health Department within an hour of the explosion, and the department sent an inspector to the scene.

More than 1,000 people work at the plant. Those on duty were told to return to their stations after the fire.

Family members gathered outside the plant to find out if they knew the injured.

A guard told Cindi Jones, 52, of Donora that her husband, Jeff Jones, 55, was not involved in the blast.

"I panicked a little bit," she said. "I knew that two people in this whole place is not big in the scheme of things, but I had to come here to find out."

# Holiday weekend predictions differ on travel numbers

AAA says fewer people will travel this weekend, but state Turnpike Commisssion disagrees.

**For The Valley Independent**

A late Labor Day holiday has some experts predicting less travel, but others disagree.

The American Automobile Association projected that nationally, 13.3 percent fewer people would take a trip at least 50 miles from home, compared to the same holiday weekend in 2008.

Yet the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission estimates a 3 percent increase, to 2.1 million vehicles on the highway because of lower gas prices, said spokesman Carl DeFebo.

"It's not a deluge of vehicles, but simply based upon past travel we've had increased traffic over the Memorial Day and Independence Day weekends," DeFebo said. "Families may be a little more eager to hit the road, after they sacrificed last year."

Pennsylvania's proximity to popular vacation destinations like East Coast beaches might help it hold up better against AAA's glum nationwide forecast, DeFebo said.

The association predicted that overall travel would be down because Labor Day falls later on the calendar this year, and some children have started school.

"What someone's doing in the Midwest because school's started three weeks ago could be different than what's happening in Pennsylvania," DeFebo said.

AAA predicts air travel will drop nearly 17 percent this Labor Day weekend, from 1.8 million passengers last year to 1.5 million this year.

In Pennsylvania, the drop will be steeper, AAA said. The agency predicts that 48,000 Pennsylvanians will take to the skies, down from 61,000 last year, a drop of more than 21 percent.

But David Castelveter, spokesman for the Air Transport Association, a trade group for the nation's leading commercial airlines, doesn't think the falloff will be as dramatic and disputes that this year's later holiday would have any affect.

The trade group predicted air travel would be down just 3.5 percent year-to-year. While AAA's forecast tried to predict travel over the weekend, the Air Transport Association tried to anticipate holiday travel over an eight-day period that began Wednesday.

"Primarily the economy and the fact that more people are out of work will impact demand. Fewer people can afford to travel this year. There is less spending power," said Castelveter.

# Second hearing scheduled for former-lawmaker, aide

Ex-Rep. Mike Veon and former assistant facing corruption charges.

**By The Associated Press**

A second preliminary hearing was scheduled today in Harrisburg for a former high-ranking leader in the state House of Representatives and one of his aides.

Former Rep. Mike Veon and Annamarie Perretta-Rosepink face corruption charges involving a nonprofit agency in Beaver County that Veon controlled.

Both are charged with theft, misapplication of entrusted property, conflicts of interest and conspiracy.

Their first hearing in May ended when the judge tossed out the case on grounds that state prosecutors lacked the evidence to support the changes. Today's hearing was to be held before a different district judge.

Veon and Perretta-Rosepink also are among a dozen people connected to House Democrats who were charged last summer with illegally using taxpayer money and state employees for political activity.

*Monongahela Valley Hospital*
*Welcomes*
**Christopher E. Emond M.D.**

Sports Medicine Specialist Christopher E. Emond, M.D., has joined the medical staff at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Dr. Emond is affiliated with The Orthopedic Group, P.C.

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# RECORDS

## DEATH NOTICES

**MAKOVICH** — Richard J. Makovich, 47, of Perryopolis, on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Richard F. Dodson Memorial Home, West Newton.*

**SEBOLD** — Gary W. Sebold, 57, of Fallowfield Township, on Thursday, Sept. 3. Melenzyer-DuBarr Funeral Homes & Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

**PREVIOUS DEATHS:**
**WATSON**, Jacquelin J.*
*** See death notice**

### Richard J. Makovich
**Perryopolis**

Richard J. Makovich, 47, of Perryopolis, died tragically Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, in Somerset County. He was born Aug. 8, 1962, in Greensburg, a beloved son of Richard C. Makovich and Connie Striker Makovich, of West Newton. Richard was employed at the Bechtel Corp. for 27 years as a corrosion lab technician. He enjoyed flying radio controlled aircraft and belonged to the Mon Valley Remote Control Club. He loved spending time with his two nieces, Lauren and Hannah Seitzinger. Rich also enjoyed fishing and boating. He will be sadly missed by his mother and father, Richard and Connie; his brother, John Makovich and his wife, JoAnne, of Yukon; his sister, Laura Seitzinger and her husband, Randall; and his loving friend, Maureen Gibson, of Uniontown. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the RICHARD F. DODSON MEMORIAL HOME, 213 Main St., West Newton. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sweeney as celebrant. Family and friends are to go directly to the church. Interment will follow in the West Newton Cemetery.

*Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.*

### Gary W. Sebold
**Fallowfield Township**

After fighting a year-long battle with cancer, Gary W. Sebold, 57, of Fallowfield Township, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in the Center for Compassionate Care in Mt. Lebanon. Born in Cumberland, Md.,on October 2, 1951, he was the son of Betty Rowan Sebold Smith and the late Ralph Sebold. Gary proudly served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he attained the rank of Corporal. He was a retired coal miner, who, during his 33 years of employment, worked in Banning, Maple Creek, Shannopin, and Emerald mines where he was known by his fellow miners as "Dog Eyes" or "Dog". In his spare time, he enjoyed keeping his lawn in pristine condition, watching football, and going to dinner with the Coalminers Supper Club. Gary looked forward to going to the beach and spending time with his family, but always looked forward to his favorite time of year, autumn, when he would sit on his bench and appreciate the beauty of the changing leaves. Last year he and his wife, Dea, went back to Miami, where they spent their honeymoon, to celebrate their 35th anniversary with their dear friends, Joe and Kim Swinchock. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Dolores (Dea) Alessio Sebold; daughters, Allysia Sebold of Belle Vernon and Miranda Sebold of Fallowfield Township; a son, Nicholas Sebold of Fallowfield Township.; a sister, Frances Homer; nieces Susan Pickell and Julie Baker; nephew Jason Homer; and his special pugs, Rocko and Brady. Friends will be received Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the MELENYZER-DUBARR FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, and from 10 to 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 7, in the First United Methodist Church, 601 Lincoln Ave., Charleroi, at which time a funeral service will be held with Rev. Bruce Northey officiating. Interment will be at the convenience of the family. THOSE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL, SERVICE PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH. The Mon Valley Leathernecks will hold a military service Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. The family would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, and visits to Gary during the past year. A special thank you goes out to Bob Rebar and Joe Swinchock for the lunch outings Gary looked forward to. On-line condolences will be accepted at www.melenyzer-dubarr.com.

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### Jacquelin Jo Watson
**Rostraver Township**

Jacquelin Jo Watson, 77, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Charleroi on May 7, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Noreen LaRue. Mrs. Watson worked as a cafeteria administrator in the Belle Vernon Area School District and was a member of the Fells United Methodist Church in Rostraver Township. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert T. Watson; two daughters, Laurie (Brian) Chorba, of Jefferson Hills and Jody (Mohammed) Rayan, of Penn Hills; four grandchildren, Christopher Chorba, Zachary Rayan, Alexandria Rayan and Adam Rayan; brother, Joseph LaRue, of Williamsport; and sister, Betty Robertson, of Mich. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Doris Fisher. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

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**Members of the Jackson family sit together Thursday at Michael Jackson's funeral service at Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. From left are Janet Jackson, Randy Jackson, Jackie Jackson, Tito Jackson, Jermaine Jackson and Marlon Jackson. Michael Jackson, his gold coffin topped by a bejeweled crown placed there by his children, was laid to rest Thursday night at a funeral more than two months after his death.**

# Michael Jackson laid to rest

Private funeral service conducted for superstar more than two months after his death.

**By LINDA DEUTSCH**
*AP Special Correspondent*

GLENDALE, Calif. — Paris Jackson wept as she stepped into the mausoleum where her father, Michael, was to be entombed. Katherine Jackson, overcome by sorrow, turned back when she was faced with her son's final resting place.

On a sultry Thursday evening, amid a sea of white flowers and with a bejeweled crown placed atop his casket by his children, the King of Pop was given an intimate, private version of the lavish public memorial held shortly after his death in June.

Gladys Knight performed the hymn "Our Father" (The Lord's Prayer) and moved many to tears, according to one guest who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the day.

When it was over, many of the the 200 mourners hugged each other. Among them were Elizabeth Taylor, Jackson's ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley, Barry Bonds and Macaulay Culkin.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who gave a eulogy at the public event and at Thursday's service, also extolled Knight's earlier performance of "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

"Gladys Knight sang her heart out. Now we prepare to lay him to rest," Sharpton posted on his Twitter account during the service that was held outside and then within the marble mausoleum.

The mourners followed the crowned, lushly flower-draped casket as Jackson's five brothers — each wearing a bright red tie and a single crystal-studded glove — carried it into the mausoleum. The 11-year-old Paris cried as the group entered the imposing building and was comforted by her aunt, LaToya.

Paris and brothers Prince Michael, 12, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket, began the service by placing the crown on their father's golden casket. They were composed through most of the hour-and-a-half ceremony.

As it ended, Katherine Jackson appeared extremely weary and had to be helped to her car, according to the guest. Earlier, she had a difficult time going into the mausoleum; she was overcome, turned back, and it wasn't clear if she went in at all, the guest said.

The Jackson family's tardy arrival delayed the service for nearly two hours; no explanation was given to mourners. The invitation notice indicated the service would begin promptly at 7 p.m.; it began closer to 8:30.

The 77-year-old Taylor and others were left waiting in the late summer heat, with the temperature stuck at 90 degrees just before sunset, and some mourners fanned themselves with programs for the service. As darkness fell, police escorted the family's motorcade of 31 cars, including Rolls-Royces and Cadillacs, from their compound in Encino to Forest Lawn, about a 20-minute journey, with the hearse bearing Jackson's body at the end.

About 250 seats were arranged for mourners over artificial turf laid roadside at the mausoleum, and a vivid orange moon, a mark of the devastating wildfire about 10 miles distant, hung over the cemetery.

There were two oversized portraits of a youthful, vibrant Jackson mounted next to the casket amid displays of white lilies and roses. At Jackson's lavish public memorial, red roses covered his casket.

A large, blimp-like inflated light, the type used in film and television production, and a boom camera hovered over the seating area placed in front of the elaborate marble mausoleum. The equipment raised the possibility that the footage would be used for the Jackson concert documentary "This Is It," or perhaps the Jackson brothers' upcoming reality show.

More than 400 media credentials were issued to reporters and film crews who remained at a distance from the service and behind barricades.

The few clusters of fans who gathered around the secure perimeter that encircled the cemetery entrance struggled to see.

Maria Martinez, 25, a fan from Riverside, Calif., who was joined by a dozen other Jackson admirers at a gas station near the security perimeter, gave a handful of pink flowers she had picked at a nearby park to a man with an invitation driving into the funeral.

"Can you please put these flowers on his grave?" she told him. "They were small and ugly, but I did that with my heart. I'm not going to be able to get close, so this is as close as I could get to him."

The man consented, adding, "God bless."

Glendale police said all went smoothly and there were no arrests.

Jackson will share eternity at Forest Lawn with the likes of Clark Gable, Jean Harlow and W.C. Fields, entombed alongside them in the mausoleum that will be all but off-limits to adoring fans who might otherwise turn the pop star's grave into a shrine.

The closest the public will be able to get to Jackson's vault is a portion of the mausoleum that displays "The Last Supper Window," a life-size stained-glass re-creation of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece. Several 10-minute presentations about the window are held regularly 365 days a year, but most of the building is restricted.

The Jackson family had booked an Italian restaurant in Pasadena for a gathering Thursday night, and family members and guests were seen coming and going late into the night.

"I feel like I watched Michael finally given some peace and I made a commitment to make sure his legacy and what he stood for lives on," Sharpton said outside the restaurant around midnight. "So at one level we're relieved; another level we're obligated."

The ceremony ends months of speculation that the singer's body would be buried at Neverland Ranch, in part to make the property a Graceland-style attraction. An amended copy of Jackson's death certificate was filed Thursday in Los Angeles County to reflect Forest Lawn as his final resting place.

In court on Wednesday, it was disclosed that 12 burial spaces were being purchased by Jackson's estate at Forest Lawn Glendale, about eight miles north of downtown Los Angeles, but no details were offered on how they would be used.

The King of Pop died a drug-induced death June 25 at age 50 as he was about to embark on a comeback attempt. The coroner's office has labeled the death a homicide, and Jackson's death certificate lists "injection by another" as the cause.

Dr. Conrad Murray, Jackson's personal physician, told detectives he gave the singer a series of sedatives and the powerful anesthetic propofol to help him sleep. But prosecutors are still investigating, and no charges have been filed.

# Man accused of firing rifle at officers

**By LIZ ZEMBA**
*For The Valley Independent*
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A Fayette County man who police allege twice fired a rifle at them from a moving vehicle is in jail.

Hiram Laken Stutler Jr., 30, of 248 Lynn Road, Brownsville, is charged by Redstone police with aggravated assault, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct, receiving stolen property, unauthorized persons and devices hanging on vehicles, and persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

In a criminal complaint, Sgt. Norman Howard said he and Sgt. John Brant of Brownsville police were conducting a traffic stop at 1:17 a.m. Thursday on National Pike near Davidson Siding Road when Stutler rode by in a Pontiac Grand Am. He leaned half his body out the passenger side and shouted at them.

Stutler then fired a .22-caliber rifle at the officers, according to the complaint. During an ensuing pursuit, Stutler allegedly fired another shot.

The driver, Rikki M. Rush, 30, stopped the car near Colvin Run Road. She identified herself as Stutler's girlfriend, the complaint said. She told police she was afraid of Stutler, alleging he told her not to stop for the officers.

Rush said Stutler fired the rifle twice and then threw the rifle out the window during the pursuit, according to the complaint. Police found a long metal knife and a metal case containing ammunition on the passenger's side floor.

Stutler was taken into custody and arraigned before District Judge Wendy Dennis. He is in the Fayette County Prison in lieu of $25,000 bond.

# Kennedy memoir reveals remorse

**By The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — In a posthumous memoir, Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy writes of fear and remorse surrounding the fateful events on Chappaquiddick Island in 1969, when his car accident left a woman dead, and says he accepted the finding that a lone gunman assassinated his brother President John F. Kennedy.

The memoir, "True Compass," is to be published Sept. 14 by Twelve, a division of the Hachette book group. The 532-page book was obtained early by The New York Times.

In it, Kennedy says his actions on Chappaquiddick on July 18, 1969, were "inexcusable." He says he was afraid and "made terrible decisions" and had to live with the guilt for more than four decades.

Kennedy drove off a bridge into a pond.

He swam to safety, leaving Mary Jo Kopechne in the car.

Kopechne, a worker with slain Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's campaign, was found dead in the submerged car's back seat 10 hours later. Kennedy, then 37, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and got a suspended sentence and probation.

Kennedy also writes in the memoir that he always accepted the official findings on his brother John's assassination.

He said he had a full briefing by Earl Warren, the chief justice on the commission that investigated the Nov. 22, 1963, Dallas shooting, which was attributed to Lee Harvey Oswald. He said he was convinced the Warren Commission got it right and he was "satisfied then, and satisfied now."

In the book, Kennedy writes candidly about his battle with brain cancer and his "self-destructive drinking," especially after the 1968 death of his brother Robert.

He also explains why he decided to run for the presidency in 1980, saying he was motivated in part by his differences with then-President Jimmy Carter.

He criticized Carter's go-slow approach to providing universal health care.

# BVA yearbooks available today

The Belle Vernon Area High School 2009 yearbooks have arrived.

They will be distributed to the current students during lunch periods today.

Graduates may pick up their books from 10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. today or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 9-11 in the high school lobby.

The main office will not distribute any yearbooks, according to a high school spokesman.

# NEWS

## TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 4

Today is Friday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2009. There are 118 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight**

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers led by Gov. Felipe de Neve.

**On this date:**

■ In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

■ In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

■ In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in the form of a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

■ In 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital.

■ In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

■ In 1951, President Harry S Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

■ In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

■ In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.

■ In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing all 111 people on board.

■ In 1984, Canada's Progressive Conservatives, led by Brian Mulroney, won a landslide victory in general elections over the Liberal Party of Prime Minister John N. Turner and the New Democrats headed by Ed Broadbent.

■ **Ten years ago**: Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-security agreement during a ceremony in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Martin Frankel, a Connecticut money manager accused of cheating insurance companies in five states out of more than $200 million, was arrested in Germany.

■ **Five years ago**: Slow-moving Hurricane Frances snapped power lines and whipped the Atlantic coast with winds over 90 miles-an-hour as it neared Florida. A shaken President Vladimir Putin made a rare and candid admission of Russian weakness after more than 330 people were killed in a hostage-taking at a southern school.

■ **One year ago**: With a pledge that "change is coming," Sen. John McCain accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in St. Paul, Minn., vowing to vanquish what he called the "constant partisan rancor" gripping Washington. The Dow industrial average fell 344.65 points to 11,188.23 on gloomy economic data.

*Associated Press*

**President Barack Obama walks on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington as he departs for the Camp David presidential retreat, where he will plot the best way to regain the public's attention on health care, explain in detail exactly what he wants in a final deal, unify a restless Democratic Party, prod Congress to get him a bill and bring clarity to a bewildering debate.**

# White House seems open to health care compromise

Obama wants change but he's "not dogmatic about how we get there."

**By The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Even as liberals urge President Barack Obama to demand bold, far-reaching changes to the nation's health care system, the White House signaled openness Thursday to compromises that might attract moderate congressional Democrats as well as some Republicans.

Obama believes in "fundamental principles" about overhauling health care, top presidential adviser David Axelrod told The Associated Press, but "he's not dogmatic about how we get there."

Axelrod's comments did not definitively answer how hard Obama will push for the most ambitious parts of his proposal, including health insurance for virtually all Americans and a government-run plan to compete with private insurers. But his diplomatic tone was in keeping with the administration's approach of refusing to flatly demand several parts that are dear to Democratic activists who helped elect him.

Those are the type of conciliatory hints that frustrate many liberals. They fear Obama will dilute the bold health care proposals he campaigned for, even though Democrats control the House, Senate and White House. One group, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, sent a mass-distributed e-mail quoting a Texas man saying he is "dropping out of political activism" because of his disillusionment with Obama over health care.

Also, former President Bill Clinton told Esquire Magazine that Obama should forge ahead with his health care proposals. "I wouldn't even worry about the Republicans," Clinton said.

Obama is doing the right thing, he said, "even though he's jamming a lot of change down the system."

But many Democrats wonder if Obama really will jam a robust plan past overwhelming GOP opposition and the reservations of many centrist congressional Democrats eyeing their next election. Those Democrats will listen carefully for clues when Obama addresses a joint session of Congress next Wednesday night.

Axelrod's cautious answers Thursday might offer little comfort to those seeking forceful signs from the administration.

Asked if Obama might accept a Republican senator's idea for creating a public health insurance option only if private insurers prove unwilling or unable to meet certain affordability targets, Axelrod replied: "We need choice and competition within the pool that's created."

The plan has been floated by Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine. She often is seen as the most likely GOP lawmaker to support a primarily Democratic-crafted health bill. She would have nonprofit agencies offer health insurance only if private insurers could not cover 95 percent of the people in their regions with plans costing no more than about 15 percent of the person's or household's annual income.

Many Democrats want prompt creation of a government-run program to compete with private insurers, who stand to gain millions more customers if Congress mandates coverage of the nation's uninsured. Obama has often said he favors such a "public option." But he and his aides have repeatedly stopped short of saying he would sign no bill without it.

Obama's pollster Joel Benenson sent new survey findings to Democratic lawmakers Thursday in an apparent bid to reassure them that support for health care changes can be politically popular. The somewhat lukewarm support for Obama's initiatives, his memo said, is "based in large part on a lack of awareness of the details of the plan."

"When voters learn about the composition of the plan, support grows considerably," the memo said.

Liberals hope the administration's conciliatory words will eventually give way to a forceful move to enact a far-reaching bill, even if it draws no GOP votes. Some are warning Obama not to take them for granted.

The Congressional Progressive Caucus, comprised of 83 liberal lawmakers, sent Obama a letter Thursday saying a health bill "without a robust public option will not achieve the health reform this country so desperately needs. We cannot vote for anything less."

But some moderate Democrats in the House and Senate are wary of a government-run insurance plan. It might amass enough leverage over doctors, drug companies and others to eventually drive private insurers out of business, they say.

The Congressional Black Caucus called on Obama Thursday to show "unwavering support" for "a strong public health option" and the full funding of health care expansions included in a pending House bill.

Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday the administration is fiercely determined to get a health care overhaul, although he conceded it probably won't happen without "an awful lot of screaming and hollering."

Appearing at a Brookings Institution gathering, Biden said it will be difficult to find a consensus on remaking the health care system.

But he also predicted that "we're going to get something substantial." He declared that "we're going to get there."

## THE WORLD BRIEFLY

### Improved economy won't create jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy is showing consistent signs of improvement, but probably not enough to stop employers from cutting jobs or to keep the unemployment rate from rising.

The Labor Department was expected to report later today that the jobless rate increased to 9.5 percent in August, from 9.4 percent in July, as employers cut 225,000 jobs.

The employment report will follow other recent data that shows the economy is pulling out of the worst recession since World War II.

A trade group reported Tuesday that the manufacturing sector grew in August for the first time in 19 months, while home sales have increased for several months.

But the economy isn't expected to grow strongly enough this year to persuade companies to ramp up hiring.

Most economists expect the unemployment rate to top 10 percent by early next year.

"We have a very long, painful healing process ahead," said Bruce Kasman, chief economist at JPMorgan Chase & Co. "The good news is we're starting it, the bad news is we need much faster growth" to bring the employment rate down.

A loss of 225,000 jobs would be the smallest monthly decline since last year, a sign that layoffs are easing.

Employers cut 247,000 jobs in July, compared with an average of 691,000 per month in the first quarter.

### NATO attack kills 90 in Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — A NATO jet blasted two fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban in northern Afghanistan today, setting off a huge fireball that killed up to 90 people, Afghan officials said.

The NATO command said a "large number of insurgents" were killed or injured in the pre-dawn attack near the village of Omar Khel in Kunduz province. An Afghan police officer said the 90 dead included about 40 civilians who were siphoning fuel from the trucks.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The top NATO commander, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, has ordered curbs on airstrikes after a strong backlash among Afghans against the high number of civilians killed in such military operations.

Police Chief Gulam Mohyuddin said Taliban fighters stopped the vehicles as they were about to cross the Kunduz River.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker, a public affairs officer, said NATO warplanes attacked and destroyed the two tankers after determining that there were no civilians in the area.

She said that NATO and the Afghan government are investigating reports of civilian casualties.

### Wildfire's origin probed in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities have launched a homicide investigation after determining a massive Los Angeles-area blaze that killed two firefighters was arson.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials started the investigation Thursday, five days after the two men died when their truck plunged 800 feet down a steep mountain road. The fire north of Los Angeles has been burning for 10 days.

Los Angeles County Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bryant said he was glad investigators were making progress in the probe, but "it doesn't mend my broken heart."

"Those were two great men that died," he said. "We've got to put this fire out so no one else gets hurt."

County fire Capt. Ted Hall and Specialist Arnaldo Quinones supervised a fire crew, made up mostly of prison inmates, at a forest campsite. They died Sunday on Mount Gleason while trying to find an escape route for the crew after flames overran the camp.

## 'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

### One player take 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG (AP) – One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $227,991.

Lottery officials said 94 players matched four numbers and won $232.50 each; 3,181 players matched three numbers and won $11.50 each; and 38,590 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.


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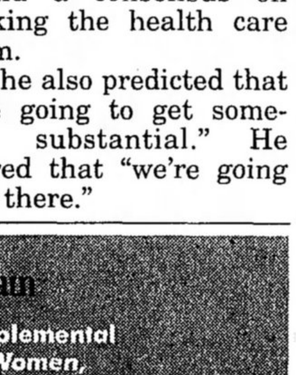

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| NIGHT PICK 3: | 3-6-4 |
| DAY PICK BIG 4: | 6-7-7-9 |
| NIGHT PICK BIG 4: | 7-9-2-3 |
| DAY QUINTO: | 0-0-4-8-3 |
| NIGHT QUINTO: | 5-2-7-3-9 |
| TREASURE HUNT: | 3-8-11-14-22 |
| CASH 5: | 19-24-26-28-37 |
| MIX & MATCH: | 5-7-10-8-17 |

OHIO LOTTERY — OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

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| DAY PICK 3: | 0-5-5 |
| NIGHT PICK 3: | 9-0-7 |
| DAY PICK 4: | 1-0-9-2 |
| NIGHT PICK 4: | 5-9-4-1 |
| ROLLING CASH 5: | 17-21-24-31-32 |

WEST VIRGINIA LOTTERY — WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

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| DAILY 3: | 8-0-7 |
| DAILY 4: | 3-8-1-8 |
| CASH 25: | 5-16-18-19-21-23 |

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## OUR OPINION

# Football begins with focus on new coaches

**IT WASN'T LONG AGO** that Ringgold's Lloyd Price and Belle Vernon Area's Aaron Krepps were stars on the football field.

Tonight, they'll be making their coaching debuts as the WPIAL's two youngest coaches at their alma maters.

Krepps, 25, will debut in front of his home fans as he guides the Leps against Laurel Highlands at 7 p.m. The new coach was a favorite of BVA fans earlier this decade before he went on to become a star kick and punt returner at Washington and Jefferson College.

Price, 26, will take the Rams on the road for a 7:30 p.m. game with Peters Township. He was a versatile athlete at Ringgold before making his mark as a linebacker at California University of Pennsylvania.

Krepps and Price are part of a crop of new area coaches that also includes Brady Barbero at California Area, Jim Ward at Yough and former BVA coach Lou Rood at Bentworth. All will quickly be thrown into the challenge of molding teenage athletes into cohesive teams.

At their young ages, Krepps and Price represent a new generation of coaches that is emerging in the Valley. Both understand the importance of high school football in this area and will begin paving the road for other young men to follow in their footsteps.

We wish all the new coaches well, and we share their excitement and passion for the game. There's nothing like a football Friday in the Mid-Mon Valley.

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## ANOTHER VIEW

***Daily Herald, Arlington Heights, Ill., on the late Sen. Ted Kennedy:***

Which Ted Kennedy shall we remember today? It is perhaps an overriding commentary on the late senator's life that millions of Americans will be making that choice as they reflect on the political career of one of the nation's longest-serving and most prominent public figures.

For many, the image that remains from Kennedy's tenure is that of the Senate playboy, the wealthy youngest son of a political family beset by nation-shattering tragedies whose hard drinking and romantic romps were nearly as legendary as his speeches from the Senate floor.

For many others, the memory is of the tireless so-called liberal lion who, while raised himself in the most opulent splendor, devoted his career and tireless energies to helping and protecting the nation's most vulnerable citizens, its elderly, minorities, sick and poor.

In one sense, of course, the two pictures cannot be separated. Ted Kennedy the man was an amalgam of all the aspects of his personality and ambition. And it cannot be ignored that the event that permanently crippled his presidential aspirations —the mysterious tragedy at Chappaquiddick —was shrouded by questions of his judgment, his sexual morality and even potentially criminal behavior.

Yet, Ted Kennedy the man was also a formidable public servant, and it likewise cannot be ignored that he placed his imprint on every significant piece of social legislation over the past 40 years. ...

Kennedy's reflexive liberalism and ties to special interests were, it must be said, too strong politically for our tastes. Still, political and social contributions come from all sides, liberal and conservative, those who compromise and those who stand fast. In that regard, his mark was unmistakable and considerable. ...

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# The get-Cheney squad

Pat **BUCHANAN**

"Men sleep peacefully in their beds at night because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

George Orwell's truth comes to mind as one reads that Eric Holder has named a special prosecutor to go after the "rough men" who, to keep us sleeping peacefully at night, went too far in frightening Khalid Sheik Muhammad, the engineer of the September massacres.

Yet, it seems now indisputable that those CIA interrogators, with their rough methods, got vital intelligence that saved American lives, as Dick Cheney has consistently contended.

According to The Washington Times, which reviewed the newly declassified CIA documents, those interrogators "produced life-saving intelligence that disrupted numerous terrorist plots."

They elicited the names of al-Qaida agents who planned anthrax attacks on Westerners and a massive bombing of Camp Lemonier, the U.S. base in East Africa. They got the names of 70 recruits al-Qaida deemed "suitable for Western attacks" and of the men who made the bomb used on the U.S. consulate in Karachi.

Iyman Faris, an al-Qaeda sleeper agent and truck driver in Ohio, is serving 20 years because of information the CIA got from KSM and associates. Other operations aborted include al-Qaida "plots to fly airliners into buildings on the West Coast, setting off bombs in U.S. cities and planning to employ a network of Pakistanis to target gas stations, railroad tracks and the Brooklyn Bridge."

What were the "inhumane" techniques CIA interrogators used to uncover these plans for the mass murder of Americans?

"Interrogators lifted one detainee off the floor by his arms, while they were bound behind his back with a belt," reports The Washington Post. "Another interrogator used a stiff brush to clean a detainee, scrubbing so roughly that his legs were raw with abrasions. Another squeezed a detainee's neck at his carotid artery until he began to pass out."

The CIA, we are told, used mock executions to frighten captives and threatened to kill KSM's children and rape his mother. Power drills were brandished in interrogation rooms.

Were any children killed? No. Was anyone's mother raped? No. Was the power drill used? No.

Was anyone executed in front of a witness to make him talk? No. It was faked, as Sean Connery faked it in "The Untouchables" to get an underling to blab to Eliot Ness, aka Kevin Costner, about how he could take down Al Capone's mob.

As for threatening to kill the children of our enemies, we did not do that in "The Good War." Instead, what we did was kill them in the thousands every night in air raids over Germany and Japan.

In the Tokyo firestorm of February 1945, the Dresden raid in March, and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August, we killed grandparents, mothers, fathers, wives, sisters, daughters and sons of the enemy in the scores of thousands on each of those days.

Can it be that the same United States that honored Col. Paul Tibbets and put his Enola Gay, which dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, on display in its Air and Space Museum is going to prosecute a CIA agent for faking an execution and threatening, but never intending, to kill the children of Khalid Sheik Muhammad?

Why is Barack Obama allowing these prosecutions to proceed?

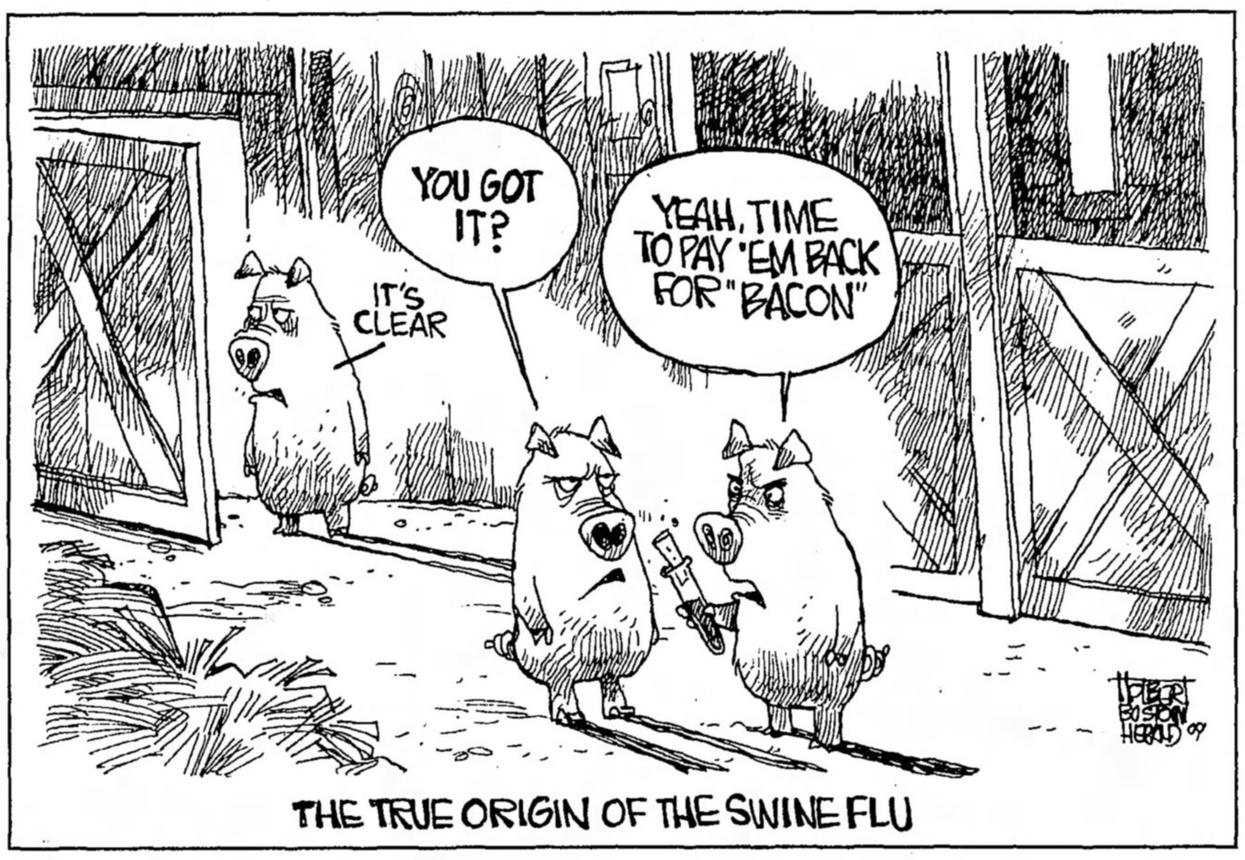
In 2004, career lawyers at Justice looked over the same reports and concluded that prosecutions would not serve the national interest. Obama has himself said he wants to move on.

Now, he and Holder may not like what was done back then, but who does? And where is the criminal intent? These agents are not sadists. They were trying to get intel to abort plots and apprehend terrorists to prevent them from killing us. And they succeeded. Not a single terrorist attack on the United States in eight years.

Do we the people, some of whom may be alive because of what those CIA men did, want them disgraced, prosecuted and punished for not going strictly by the book in protecting us from terrorists?

In its lead editorial Tuesday, "Following the Torture Trail," The Washington Post declaims, "The real culprits in this sordid story are the higher-ups, starting with former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Richard Cheney who led America down the degraded path of state-sponsored torture."

But why is Obama yielding to the clamor of a left that will not be satiated until Cheney and Bush are indicted as Class A war criminals? Is that in the national interest? Is it in Obama's interest to tear his country apart to expose and punish these CIA agents?




# Obamacare by force?

Byron **York**

What will happen if Democrats try the "go it alone" strategy to pass national health care?

That's not even a question in the House, where Speaker Nancy Pelosi has cut Republicans out of the healthcare issue from the beginning. House Democrats have been going it alone all along, and if they can agree among themselves on a healthcare bill, it will pass.

But the Senate is another story. Republicans see the Senate as their great hope, and there's no doubt the GOP could do some serious damage to any Democratic bill. But the unpleasant fact for Republicans is, Democrats have the power, on their own, to pass a bill that could ultimately lead to the liberal dream of national health care.

Both Democratic and Republican staffers are studying Senate rules governing the process known as "reconciliation." Those rules allow the Senate to pass some measures with a simple majority of 51 votes, rather than a filibuster-proof 60 votes. Theoretically at least, Democrats could pass a healthcare bill with no Republican, even if some Democrats are not onboard.

But reconciliation is allowed only on proposals that deal directly with the budget or are primarily fiscal in nature. So Democrats could use reconciliation to pass parts of the healthcare bill that have a direct fiscal impact, but not other measures creating things like healthcare-supervision agencies. If Democrats try to pass measures that are deemed "extraneous," Republicans could object and have the measures stripped from the bill.

That is, for example, what undoubtedly would have happened to the notorious end-of-life provisions that have now been removed from the Senate Finance Committee's bill. In that same way, it's possible Republicans could kill a lot of what is currently in the healthcare-reform proposals. (In addition, any measure passed by reconciliation would be temporary, usually lasting five years.)

The prospect of a paragraph-by-paragraph reconciliation fight has led to what some Republicans call the "Swiss-cheese scenario." Each time Republicans defeat a portion of the bill, they'll poke another hole in the Democrats' ambitions. Poke enough holes, and the Democrats' vaunted healthcare plan is Swiss cheese.

There's no doubt that prospect scares some influential Democrats. Sen. Robert Byrd is opposed to using reconciliation for health care, calling it "an outrage that must be resisted." Sen. Max Baucus calls it "not a good idea," and Sen. Jay Rockefeller says it could create "a bill that goes nowhere." They're warning their colleagues not to take the go-it-alone route.

But there's another way of looking at it. Sure, Democrats can't get everything they want if they have to go through reconciliation. But look at healthcare reform as an unfinished building. There are plenty of examples of past legislation that began somewhat modestly and expanded as the years went on. The State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP, has been enormously expanded. Medicare and Medicare are far bigger today than when they were created. Programs grow over time as lawmakers add features and increase eligibility.

The story could be the same for the current healthcare-reform proposals, through which Democrats, with no Republican support, could put in place the basic structure of a national healthcare plan. It doesn't have to be gold-plated, or even finished. That could come later.

"You can build a building that's missing certain features," says one old Senate hand. "Maybe the plumbing's not there, or the wiring. But the bottom line is, you have laid the foundation, and built the structure, and it becomes easier later on to add the plumbing, and add the wiring. You have set up a structure so that all you have to do in the future is make incremental changes."

Veterans of the Senate tend to flinch from the sort of all-out warfare reconciliation could bring. But the fact is, reconciliation might in the end be the Democrats' best option. And it might work. Democrats wouldn't get everything they want, but they could create the structure for future growth. Later on, they'll add the plumbing, the wiring — and maybe a chandelier.

## Senior Snapshot

**Fran Vamdergrift, 82, of Brownsville**

"My first quiz show because it was fabulous."

**Read each Friday as older Valley residents recall the most memorable moments in their lives.**

# Twitter allowed 70-year-old's kids to follow her surgery step-by-step

**The primary goal of the Twitter posts is education, but it has the added benefit of keeping a family informed during surgery.**

**By MICHAEL J. CRUMB**
*Associated Press Writer*

DES MOINES, Iowa — From anesthesia to the recovery room, 70-year-old Monna Cleary's children followed her surgery — 140 characters or less at a time.

Twitter is opening doors to the sterile confines of operating rooms, paving the way for families — and anyone else for that matter — to follow a patient's progress as they go under the knife.

Most of the Cleary family chose to track the developments from a laptop computer in the hospital's waiting room. But one daughter-in-law kept tabs from work.

"It's real time information instead of sitting and not knowing in the waiting room," said Cleary's son Joe, hours after his mother's surgery Monday at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

"It made the time go by," said Cleary, who was joined by a brother, two sisters and a sister-in-law at the hospital. "We all feel it was a positive experience."

His mother, who underwent a hysterectomy and uterine prolapse surgery, had given her OK for hospital spokeswoman Sarah Corizzo to post a play-by-play of the operation on Twitter, a social-networking site that lets users send out snippets of information up to 140 characters long using cell phones or computers.

Corizzo sent more than 300 tweets over more than three hours from a computer just outside the operating room's sterile field. Nearly 700 people followed them. Eight tweeted questions to Corizzo about the procedure and a Cleary family member commented on how fascinating it was to follow the surgery.

The primary goal of the Twitter posts was education, Corizzo said, but it had the added benefit of keeping the family informed during surgery.

The idea to follow the surgery on Twitter at St. Luke's evolved after a similar surgery was Webcast several months ago.

"A lot of people would like to go into the operating room and see what happens but don't want all the visuals and stuff," said Laura Rainey, another hospital spokeswoman. "This is a more gentle way to help inform patients and consumers."

The Iowa hospital isn't the first to describe a surgery on Twitter. Others include Children's Medical Center in Dallas, which tweeted in May when a father donated a kidney to his son, and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where officials have tweeted about several surgeries since January.

Dian Luffman, a spokeswoman with Change:healthcare, a business that helps clients save money on procedures, said hospitals using Twitter during surgery is a sign that it's entering the mainstream, especially among the 20-and-30 somethings.

"I think hospitals are trying to build relationships," she said.

Amanda Gillbret, whose husband and son were involved in the Dallas kidney transplant, said she appreciated being able to monitor her husband's surgery at another hospital while she was at Children's Medical Center with her son.

"I felt like I was part of my husband's surgery and connected to what he was going through but was there with my son, too," Gillbret said.

She noted that typically a person can sit for hours in a waiting room and maybe get two phone calls from the operating room.

"I received updates every two to three minutes," Gillbret said. "It not only helped the family stay in the loop but friends who weren't able to be there."

While the Detroit hospital has tweeted during several surgeries, neither the Cedar Rapids hospital nor the one in Dallas have immediate plans to do it again.

Officials at both hospitals said they would be open to the possibility if both the surgeon and patient are willing.

Cleary said she agreed to have her procedure posted on Twitter — but only after being educated to what tweeting was.

"I'm not much of a computer bug so I didn't know that much about it," Cleary said. "I didn't know they did that sort of thing."

During her surgery, Corizzo relayed tweets ever few minutes.

"Putting numbing medication where the incisions will be. Making first incision right now," Corizzo tweeted at the beginning of the procedure.

The surgeon, Dr. Jerry Rozeboom, said he asked Cleary to participate because she is "very open, conversant and willing to be part of the education process.

"It was mostly a patient who I thought was open to helping other people learn about new technology and maybe helping other women in her situation," Rozeboom said.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week, when all centers will be closed on Monday, Labor Day.

**BROWNSVILLE**

Tuesday – 9-10:30, blood lab; 10, ceramics; 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11 to noon, Mary Wilson on nutrition; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 11, PrimeTime Health speaker; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

**CENTER IN THE WOODS**

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop; 10, watercolor, zumba gold; 11, blood pressures; 1, cards, choir.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 10, oil painting; 10:30, Bible study; 1, cards; 3, basket guild; Travel-Friends-Wheeling.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:30, advisory board; 9:50, belly dancing; 11, healthy steps; 1, cards, bingo, jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10, Edward Jones; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

**CENTER ON THE HILL**

Tuesday – "Get your ZZZ's"-PrimeTime Health; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 7-10, Sound of Country Band.

Friday – Fall Wii bowling sessions begin-teams and times will be announced; 10:30, bingo.

**RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)**

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; noon-1, blood pressures; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, pizza; 11, Kenny and Chip, oldies singers; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

**DONORA**

Tuesday – 11, "Flu Facts"-PrimeTime Health; 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

**MONONGAHELA**

Tuesday – "Incontinence"-MV Hospital; 9, crafts; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – 10, dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

**PERRYOPOLIS**

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles; 11:15, "Flu Facts"-PrimeTime Health.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; 3, indoor picnic; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles and games.

## SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

**Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place**

Monday – closed for Labor Day
Tuesday – baked pork chop
Wednesday – hot roast beef sandwich
Thursday – meat loaf
Friday – pot roast

**Monessen and West Newton**

Monday – closed for Labor Day
Tuesday – Salisbury steak
Wednesday – kielbassi
Thursday – macaroni and cheese
Friday – Italian roast beef

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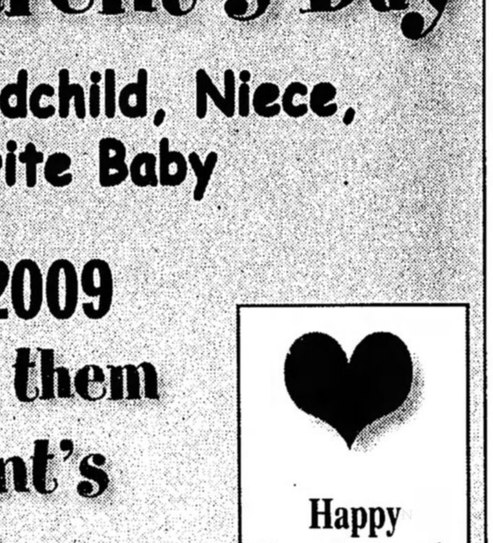

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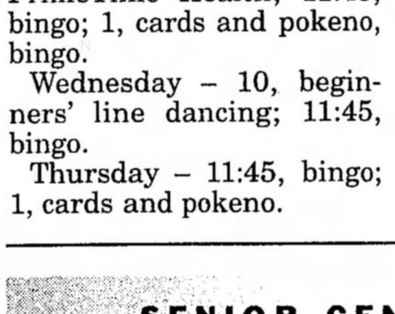

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## TV & ENTERTAINMENT

# Woman lacks gumption to come to her own defense

Dear **ABBY**

**DEAR ABBY**: I am 23 and have never been able to stand up for myself. I have an extremely sloppy roommate whom I always have to clean up after, a former fiance I want to cut ties with, and an overbearing mother who treats me like a child.

I know I'm in these situations because I have allowed them to happen. I'd like to be able to speak my mind without fear of what will happen, but it's almost as if I feel blackmailed, and sticking up for myself will make them angry. Any advice you can offer will be much appreciated. — **WANTS TO SPEAK UP, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

**DEAR WANTS TO SPEAK UP**: Stop for a moment and look at what being a people-pleaser has gotten you — a roommate who takes advantage, a former fiance who won't stop clinging, and a mother you're afraid of having a frank talk with. Are you afraid if you have an unpleasant conversation that they won't "like" you?

By refusing to speak up, what you're doing is encouraging more of the same. However, if you draw the line with your roommate and stop acting like her maid, she might straighten up — or move — which would free you to find someone with better personal habits. If you tell your former fiance it's time to hit the road, you will free him to find someone else, which would actually be doing him a favor. And as for your mother, wouldn't it be healthier to air your feelings than harbor the resentment you're nursing?

**DEAR ABBY**: I have been married to a wonderful man for 28 years. My problem is his mother, "Hildegarde," has always been overly attached to him, so much so that we moved out of state to get away from her.

Hildegarde has now not only moved to our same small town, but to a home just up the street! My husband works long hours, and his mother expects him to visit her daily. If he gets a day off and we do something together, she cries to anyone who will listen that her son "never comes to see her."

This is affecting our marriage. Hildegarde acts like a jilted lover, and I am considering divorcing him to get away from her. Can you please help me? — **TRAPPED LIKE RATS IN COLORADO**

**DEAR TRAPPED**: Nowhere in your letter have you mentioned your husband's feelings about his mother's antics. Surely he must have known she was considering the move. Was he afraid to discourage her?

If ever I heard of a couple who needed couples counseling, it's you two. You must stick together and form a united front. Hildegarde may also need a therapist to help her understand that her neediness is over the top. But exit the marriage only as a last resort, because if you do, you'll be leaving him to her, and she is insatiable.

**DEAR ABBY**: Ever since 2/02/02 I have created dinner parties or luncheons to celebrate days with unique numbers. On 5/05/05 (Cinco de Mayo) I had Mexican food with my family. On 6/06/06, six of us went out to lunch. The opening night of the Beijing Olympics was on 8/08/08, so eight of us had Chinese take-out while watching the event.

I plan to continue this tradition until 12/12/12. With 9/09/09 coming up, my daughter suggested "Dress to the Nines" as the theme. Isn't that cute? One of life's greatest pleasures is to share a meal with friends. — **CLAIRE IN BETHLEHEM, PA.**

**DEAR CLAIRE:** I agree. While food fills the stomach, the company of friends and loved ones can be more gratifying because it fills the heart and feeds the soul.

P.S. I hope that 13/13/13 isn't a Friday.

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## FRIDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

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| (4) WTAE<br>(23) WATM | (4) Ch. 4 Action News at 6<br>(23) Insider | ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N) | (4) Inside Edition<br>(23) Jeopardy! | (4) Entertainment Tonight<br>(23) Wheel of Fortune | **Supernanny** "Del Re Family" Four-year-old twins who throw daily tantrums. | | **Ugly Betty** "Curveball" Betty admits to her feelings; Daniel Meade is invited to appear on "The View." | | 20/20 | | (4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11<br>(23) News | **(:35) Nightline** (N) | **(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live** Gerard Butler; Nate Berkus; Maxwell. (N) | | (4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey<br>(23) (:06) Paid Program | (23) (:35) Paid Program | (4) (:06) Paid Program<br>(23) (:05) Jerry Springer | (4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11 |
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| (6) WJAC<br>(9) WTOV<br>(11) WPXI | (6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N)<br>(9) News (N)<br>(11) Channel 11 News (N) | NBC Nightly News (N) | (6) Entertainment Tonight (N)<br>(9) (11) Jeopardy! | (6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire<br>(9) (11) Wheel of Fortune "Big Splash" | **Southland** "Westside" Clarke and Adams investigate when jewelry thieves start robbing homes in Bel Air. (PA) | | **Dateline NBC** | | | | (6) WJAC-TV News<br>(9) Sports<br>(11) Ch. 11 News | (6) (11) **(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien** Jennifer Connelly. (N)<br>(9) **(:45) High School Football** Weir at Harrison Central. | | (6) (11) **(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon** Bob Costas; Jamie-Lynn Sigler; Pet Shop Boys. (N) | | (6) (11) (:36) **Last Call With Carson Daly** Harland Williams; Ben Harper. | (6) (11) (:05) Poker After Dark<br>(9) (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress) | |
| **FOX** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) WWCP<br>(53) WPGH | (8) The Simpsons<br>(53) Two and a Half Men | (8) That '70s Show<br>(53) Frasier | (8) Seinfeld<br>(53) Two and a Half Men | (8) Everybody Loves Raymond<br>(53) Seinfeld | **Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?** Actor Dean Cain. (N) | | **Glee** "Pilot" (iTV) A teacher tries to reinvent the high school's glee club. | | (8) News<br>(53) Channel 11 News | (8) (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond | (8) (:05) Seinfeld<br>(53) Seinfeld | (8) (:35) Frasier<br>(53) Scrubs | (8) **"The Legend of Bagger Vance"**<br>(53) Scrubs | (53) Paid Program | (53) Paid Program | (53) Paid Program | (53) George Lopez "No One Gets Out Alive" | (8) Paid Prog.<br>(53) House of Payne |
| (13) WQED | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | | Nightly Business Report | Off Q | Washington Week (N) | NOW on PBS (N) | Bill Moyers Journal (N) | | In the Life | Changed the World | Charlie Rose (N) | | | OnQ | Smart Travels: Europe | Washington Week | NOW on PBS | Bill Moyers Journal |
| (19) WPCW | The People's Court | | Everybody-Raymond | Everybody-Raymond | **Smallville** "Injustice" Chloe asks Clark to kill Davis. | | Everybody Hates Chris | The Game | 10 O'Clock News | The Nightly Sports Call | Malcolm in the Middle | According to Jim | | King of the Hill | South Park "Canceled" | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program |
| (22) WPMY | Simpsons | Family Guy | Simpsons | Family Guy | **WWE Friday Night SmackDown!** (N) | | | | TMZ (N) | Frasier | Law Order: CI | | | Foreclosure | Paid Prog. | Bernie Mac | My Wife | Half & Half | Half & Half |
| (40) WPCB | The 700 Club (N) | | Focus 4 | | **God of Wonders** | | | Gospel | In Touch-Dr | | Nwswtch | The Place for Miracles | | TV One Life | The Zone | Travel Road | Youthbytes | Pure Passion |
| (59) WBGN | Crosswords | RENO 911! | Style by Jury | Paid Prog. | **The Dead Zone** "Shadows" | | ReGenesis | | Cheaters | RENO 911! | Punk'd | Cribs | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| A&E | CSI: Miami "Bloodline" | | Criminal Minds | | **Criminal Minds** | | **Criminal Minds** | | **Criminal Minds** "P911" | | **Criminal Minds** | | **Criminal Minds** | | | **Criminal Minds** | | **Criminal Minds** "P911" |
| ABCFAM | My Wife | My Wife | '70s Show | '70s Show | **Funniest Home Videos** | | **Funniest Home Videos** | | **Funniest Home Videos** | | The 700 Club (N) | | '70s Show | '70s Show | Ab Secrets` | P90X: Proof | Paid Prog. | Thinner |
| AMC | (5:30) ★★★★ "Young Frankenstein" (1974, Comedy) | | | | ★★★★ **"Aliens"** (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn. | | | | | | ★ **"Bride of Chucky"** (1998, Horror) Jennifer Tilly. | | | | ★★ **"The Beast Must Die"** (1974) Calvin Lockhart. | | | |
| ANPL | Weird, True & Freaky | | Animal Cops | | **Untamed and Uncut** | | **Jockeys** "The Have Nots" | | **Monsters Inside Me** | | **Jockeys** "The Have Nots" | | **Untamed and Uncut** | | **Monsters Inside Me** | | **Animal Cops** | |
| BBC | Ramsay's Kitchen | | BBC World News America | | **Top Gear** Lewis Hamilton. | | **Friday Night** | | **BBC World News America** | | **Top Gear** Lewis Hamilton. | | **Friday Night** | | **Top Gear** Lewis Hamilton. | | **Friday Night** | |
| BET | 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Freestyle Friday" | | | | **"Half Past Dead 2"** (2007) Bill Goldberg. Premiere. | | | | **Frankie** | **Frankie** | **The Wendy Williams Show** | | **"Half Past Dead 2"** (2007) Bill Goldberg, Kurupt. | | | | **The Wendy Williams Show** | |
| BRAVO | ★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas. | | | | ★★★ **"The Green Mile"** (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. Premiere. | | | | | | | ★★★ **"The Green Mile"** (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan. | | | | | | |
| CMT | Extreme Makeover: Home | | Extreme Makeover: Home | | **AquaPalooza on Lake Martin** (N) | | | ★★ **"Caddyshack"** (1980) Chevy Chase. Premiere. | | | | (:45) ★ **"Beer for My Horses"** (2008, Action) Toby Keith. | | | Videos | Jacked Up | CMT Music | |
| CNBC | Mad Money | | Kudlow Report | | **Reports** | **Options** | **The Suze Orman Show** | | **American Greed** | | **Mad Money** | | **Fast Money** | | **American Greed** | | **Foreclosure** | Paid Prog. |
| CNN | Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | **Campbell Brown** (N) | | **Larry King Live** (N) | | **Anderson Cooper 360** | | | | **Larry King Live** | | **Anderson Cooper 360** | | **Anderson Cooper 360** | |
| COM | *RENO 911!* | Presents | Scrubs | Scrubs | *Scrubs* | *Scrubs* | *Jeff Dunham: Arguing* | | *Michael Loftus: Changed* | | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | ★★ **"National Lampoon's Van Wilder"** (2002) (PA) | | | |
| CSPAN | House | Tonight From Washington | | | | | | | | | Capital News Today | | | | | | Today in Washington | |
| DISC | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | Under New York (N) | | **Explosions Gone Wrong** | | **Meth Nation** | | **Cocaine Nation** | | **Explosions Gone Wrong** | | **Meth Nation** | | **Cocaine Nation** | | **Destroyed** | Destroyed |
| DISNEY | Suite Life | Suite Life | Suite Life | Suite Life | **Suite Life** | **Suite Life** | Phineas-Ferb | Phineas-Ferb | Wizards | Montana | Zack & Cody | That's-Raven | Zack & Cody | Cory | Replace | Kim Possible | Emperor | Dragon |
| E! | Reality Hell | Jackson | E! News (N) | The Daily 10 | **Kardashians** | **Kardashians** | Kourtney | Kourtney | The Soup (N) | Comedians | Chelsea | E! News | Chelsea | The Soup | Comedians | *Kendra* | | Chelsea |
| ESPN | SportsCenter (Live) | | | Football Live | **College Football** Tulsa at Tulane. (Live) | | | | | | SportsCenter (Live) | | Baseball | NFL Live | SportsCenter (Live) | | SportsCenter (Live) | |
| ESPNC | MLB Baseball | | NBA Guts and Glory | | **Classics** | **60 Min.** | **NBA Basketball: 2004 Lakers at Magic** | | | | AWA Wrestling | | AWA Wrestling | | Boxing | | Boxing | Boxing |
| ESPN2 | *U.S. Open Scoreboard* | | *Tennis U.S. Open -- Men's Second Round and Women's Third Round.* (Live) | | | | | | | | 2009 World Series of Poker | | SportsNation (Live) | | NASCAR | 2009 World Series of Poker | | World Series |
| EWTN | Church-Poor | Priests | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | **The World Over** | | **Crossing** | **Holy Rosary** | **Defending** | **St Josemaria** | Rome | Bookmark | Daily Mass: Our Lady | | The World Over | | Catholic | Defending |
| FNC | Special Report | | FOX Report-Shepard Smith | | **The O'Reilly Factor** (N) | | **Hannity** (N) | | On the Record | | The O'Reilly Factor | | Hannity | | On the Record | | Glenn Beck | |
| FOOD | Cooking | Minute | Challenge | | **Unwrapped** | **Unwrapped** | Diners | Diners | Chefs vs. City "Chicago" | | Good Eats | Rachael | Diners | Diners | Chefs vs. City "Chicago" | | Good Eats | Rachael |
| FSN | Pirates | Pregame | MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh. | | | | | | **Pirates Post.** | **Final Score** | *MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates.* | | | | *Final Score* | *Best Damn Top 50 Special* | | *Final Score* |
| FX | ★★ "Johnson Family Vacation" (2004, Comedy) | | | | ★ **"Are We Done Yet?"** (2007) Ice Cube, Nia Long. | | | | '70s Show | '70s Show | Rescue Me "Drink" | | (12:02) **"Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"** | | | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| GOLF | Golf Central | PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Wal-Mart First Tee Open | | | **PGA Tour Golf** Deutsche Bank Championship -- First Round. | | | | | | | Golf Central | PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Wal-Mart First Tee Open | | | | U.S. Senior Open | |
| GSN | *Newlywed* | Catch 21 | Deal or No Deal | | **Family Feud** | **Family Feud** | **Lingo** | **Millionaire** | **Catch 21** | Newlywed | Deal or No Deal | | Be a Millionaire | | Jeopardy! | Hollywood | Pyramid | Pyramid |
| HALL | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | **Touched by an Angel** | | **"Mail Order Bride"** (2008, Drama) Daphne Zuniga. | | | | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Cheers | Cheers | Cheers | Cheers |
| HGTV | Holmes on Homes | | House | House | **Property** | **Property** | **House** | **Bang, Buck** | **House** | **Unsellable** | Design Star | | Property | Property | House | Bang, Buck | House | Unsellable |
| HIST | Modern Marvels | | Modern Marvels | | **Modern Marvels** Cheese. | | **Lock N' Load** | | **Lock N' Load** | | Lock N' Load | | Modern Marvels Cheese. | | Lock N' Load | | Lock N' Load | |
| LIFE | Grey's Anatomy | | Medium "Coded" | | **Medium** | | **Project Runway** | | **Models** | **Project Runway** | | **Models** | Frasier | Frasier | Will & Grace | Grey's Anatomy | | Paid Prog. |
| MSNBC | The Ed Show | | Hardball | | **Countdown-Olbermann** | | **The Rachel Maddow Show** | | **Countdown-Olbermann** | | **The Rachel Maddow Show** | | Deadly Dreams | | Lockup: Corcoran | | Lockup: Corcoran | |
| MTV | Pranked | Pranked | Jennifers | Daddy | ★★ **"Can't Hardly Wait"** (1998) Jennifer Love Hewitt. | | | | **"Degrassi Goes Hollywood"** (2009) Raymond Ablack. | | | | Best Dance Crew | | Teen Cribs | Teen Cribs | Teen Cribs | Teen Cribs |
| NICK | iCarly | iCarly | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | **Penguins** | **Penguins** | Penguins | Penguins | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez | Lopez |
| OXY | Dance Your A... Off | | Dance Your A... Off | | ★★ **"Flashdance"** (1983) Jennifer Beals, Michael Nouri. | | | | ★★ **"Can't Buy Me Love"** (1987) Patrick Dempsey. | | | | ★★ **"Serendipity"** (2001) John Cusack, Molly Shannon. | | | | Dance Your A... Off | |
| PCN | PCN Tours | | PCN PM | High School Football Liberty-Bethlehem vs. North Penn-Lansdale. (Live) | | | | | Gun Makers | Gun Makers | Gun Makers | Gun Makers | Gun Makers | Gun Makers | (12:50) Gun Makers Fair | | (1:55) Gun Makers Fair | |
| PCNC | Pittsburgh Now | | News | PCNC News | **NightTalk: Get to the Point** | | **PCNC News** | | **NightTalk** | | Pittsburgh | Fedko Fone | PCNC News | PCNC News | | Paid Prog. | NightTalk | |
| SCIFI | Eureka | | Eureka | | **Eureka** "E-MC...?" | | **Eureka** "I Do Over" | | *Eureka "H.O.U.S.E. Rules"* | | **Eureka** "Pilot" | | | | Eureka "Phoenix Rising" | | Eureka | |
| SPIKE | (5:43) "Sniper 3" (2004, Action) Tom Berenger. | | | | (7:46) ★★★ **"First Blood"** (1982) Sylvester Stallone. | | | | (9:47) ★★ **"Rambo: First Blood Part II"** (1985) | | | | (11:58) ★ **"Sniper 2"** (2002) Tom Berenger. | | | | (1:59) "Sniper 3" (2004) | |
| TBS | Raymond | Friends | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | **Family Guy** | **Family Guy** | ★★ **"Failure to Launch"** (2006, Romance-Comedy) | | | | Sex and-City | Sex and-City | (12:10) **"Private Valentine: Blonde & Dangerous"** (2008) | | | | Bloopers 4 | Steve Harvey |
| TCM | ★★★ "So Well Remembered" (1947) John Mills. | | | | ★★★ **"The War of the Worlds"** (1953) | | | ★★★ **"The Time Machine"** (1960) Rod Taylor. | | | | ★★★ **"Houdini"** (1953) Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh. | | | Private Screenings | | I Saw What | |
| TLC | What Not to Wear | | Masters of Reception | | **What Not to Wear** "Kathy" | | **Dress** | **Dress** | **Making Over America** | | **Dress** | **Dress** | **Making Over America** | | **What Not to Wear** "Kathy" | | **Masters of Reception** | |
| TNT | Bones | | CSI: NY "Consequences" | | **CSI: NY** | | ★★★ **"Runaway Jury"** (2003) John Cusack, Gene Hackman. | | | | | ★★★ **"Runaway Jury"** (2003) John Cusack, Gene Hackman. | | | | | ★★★ **"Legalese"** (1998) | |
| TOON | Johnny Test | Johnny Test | "Justice League: The New Frontier" (2008, Action) | | | | **Teen Titans** | **Teen Titans** | **King of Hill** | **King of Hill** | **Chicken** | **Amer Dad** | **Clerks** | **Hungerforce** | **The Oblongs** | **Frisky Dingo** | **King of Hill** | **King of Hill** |
| TRAVEL | Extreme Terror Rides | | *Terror Rides: Mega Speed* | | *Man v. Food* | *Man v. Food* | *Ghost Adventures* | | *Bigfootville* | | **Most Haunted USA** | | **Man v. Food** | **Man v. Food** | **Ghost Adventures** | | **Bigfootville** | |
| TRUTV | Wildest Police Videos | | Cops | Cops | **World's Wildest** | | **Forensic** | **Forensic** | **Power, Privilege & Justice** | | **Forensic** | **Forensic** | **World's Wildest** | | **Forensic** | **Forensic** | **Power, Privilege & Justice** | |
| TVLAND | Little House on the Prairie | | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | **Married...** | **Married...** | ★★★ **"Private Benjamin"** (1980, Comedy) Goldie Hawn. Premiere. | | | | | **Roseanne** | **Roseanne** | | **Roseanne** | **Roseanne** | **Roseanne** | **Roseanne** |
| USA | Monk | | Monk "Biggest Fan" | | **Monk** | | **Monk** | | **Monk** | | Psych "High Noon-ish" | | ★★ **"The Skeleton Key"** (2005) Kate Hudson. | | | | ★★★ **"Frailty"** (2002) | |
| VH1 | Real Chance of Love | | Real Chance of Love | | **Real Chance of Love** | | **The T.O. Show** | | **TO Show** | **TO Show** | **TO Show** | **TO Show** | **TO Show** | **TO Show** | **Real Chance of Love** | | *My Antonio Workout.* | |
| VS. | Hunting TV | Outdoor | Dangerous | North-Alaska | **Whitetail** | **Bucks** | **Buck Stops** | **Monster** | **Tred Barta** | **Huntley Way** | **Whitetail** | **Bucks** | **Buck Stops** | **Monster** | **Tred Barta** | **Huntley Way** | **Dangerous** | **North-Alaska** |
| WE | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | ★★★ **"Saturday Night Fever"** (1977, Drama) John Travolta. | | | | | **Bridezillas** | | **Amazing Wedding Cakes** | | **Bridezillas** | | ★★★ **"Cold Mountain"** (2003, Drama) Jude Law. | | | |
| WGN | Becker | Becker | *America's Funniest Home* | | ★★ **"King Kong"** (1976, Fantasy) Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange. | | | | | NewsRadio | Scrubs | Scrubs | The Bob & Tom Show | | Star Trek: Next Gener. | | Chappelle's | Chappelle's |
| ENC | ★★ "Multiplicity" (1996) Michael Keaton. Premiere. | | | | ★★ **"America's Sweethearts"** (2001) | | | (:45) ★★★ **"Pretty Woman"** (1990) Richard Gere. | | | | (:45) ★ **"Money Train"** (1995) Wesley Snipes. | | | | (:40) ★★ **"Mimic"** (1997) Mira Sorvino. | | |
| HBO | (:15) ★★ "The Invasion" (2007) Nicole Kidman. | | | | ★ **"Max Payne"** (2008) Mark Wahlberg. | | | **Making** | **Real Time With Bill Maher** | | **Real Time With Bill Maher** | | **Hung** | **Hard Knocks** | | ★★ **"Desperado"** (1995, Action) | | |
| MAX | ★★★ *"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"* (2007) | | | | | (:20) ★★ **"Over Her Dead Body"** (2008) | | | ★ **"Fool's Gold"** (2008) Matthew McConaughey. | | | | Lingerie | **"Sex Games Cancun"** (2006, Adult) | | | **"American Gangster"** | |
| SHOW | (5:30) ★★★ **"Lars and the Real Girl"** | | ★★ **"Lions for Lambs"** (2007) | | | | **Weeds** (iTV) | **Kevin Nealon** | | **Weeds** (iTV) | ★ **"Halloween"** (2007) Malcolm McDowell. iTV. | | | | ★★★ **"Scream"** (1996) Neve Campbell. iTV Premiere. | | | |
| STARZ | (5:25) ★ "88 Minutes" (2007) Al Pacino. | | (:40) ★★★★ **"WALL-E"** (2008) Voices of Ben Burtt. | | | | (:22) ★★ **"The House Bunny"** (2008) | | | | Lawrence | Lawrence | (12:05) ★★ **"Untraceable"** (2008) Diane Lane. | | | | (1:50) ★ "88 Minutes" | |
| TMC | (:10) ★★ "Raw Deal" (1986) Arnold Schwarzenegger. | | | | **"Virgin Territory"** (2007) Hayden Christensen. Premiere. | | | | **"The Deal"** (2008) William H. Macy. | | (:45) **"The Neighbor"** (2007) Matthew Modine, Ed Quinn. | | | | **"Sexually Insatiable"** (2008) Premiere. | | | |


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# Flower bulbs a 'lunch box' for pests

Learn how to protect your flowers for a healthy spring harvest.

**By DEAN FOSDICK**
*For The Associated Press*

Bulbs are perfect, self-contained packages for gardeners. They're equipped with everything necessary to make flowers grow and bloom.

Problem is, that makes them a prize for predators, too.

"The perfect lunch box," said Leonard Perry, an extension professor with the University of Vermont. "Put them in the ground this fall and I guarantee you the plant pests will come."

But there are ways to minimize animal damage, and it begins by not underestimating your enemies. Squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, deer, mice, voles, moles and the many other critters that feast on flower bulbs are crafty. Observant, too.

"Just the fact you're disturbing the earth is a tip-off," Perry said. "These guys are curious. They'll know something is going on and come to investigate. Once they discover the newly planted bulbs, they'll assume it's food for getting them through winter and there you go. So much for any spring flower displays."

Deer and rabbits like grazing on the tender stems as they surface in early spring. Squirrels, chipmunks, voles and moles, among others, often dine underground. That requires designing a bulb defense in layers.

Here are some proven deterrents. For best results, use them in combination:

■ Pest-resistant bulbs. Tulips are deer magnets but other, less appetizing bulbs are ignored, said Becky Heath, co-owner of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester, Va. "In populated areas, where hunting is dangerous and there are no natural predators, deer have become brazen, going right up to the front door to eat something in a pot on a porch," she said. "Choose plants that either taste bad or are (naturally) poisonous."

Inter-planting daffodils or alliums, both deer-resistant bulbs, among the more delectable tulips also can be effective.

■ Fencing, wire covers, cages and other barriers. Voles, moles and chipmunks are notorious for tunneling their way to bulbs, shrubs and tree roots. "Put a wire mesh cage around them when you plant," Perry said. Fencing is expensive but it will keep deer out of the garden. Build them at least 7 feet high, however, since deer are excellent jumpers. An electric fence is another garden option.

■ Unpleasant smells and flavors. "We put bulbs in a plastic bucket and spray them with something that tastes nasty (but) that's not necessarily poisonous," Heath said. "Let the spray dry and then plant the bulbs. For insurance, we often spray the ground when the new shoots begin to emerge." Many such repellents are sold and most come with strict guidelines for their use. "We usually get people to check with their local extension agent to see what's allowed in each area," Heath said.

■ Lights, sprinklers and barking dogs. Motion detectors attached to water sprinklers and spotlights can be effective. "A tethered dog often works," Perry said. "But it doesn't take long for deer to learn the length of the tether and ignore it."

■ Other ideas:

Try planting closer to the house or giving bulb-eating animals a distant, alternative garden of their own.

■ Shooting and poisons are the ultimate sanctions, but both come with safety concerns: Both risk injury or damage beyond the intended target.

"I don't like using poisons even if you don't have kids or pets," Perry said. "They can work their way into the food chain and get into edibles. I'd much rather use biological controls such as burying bulbs with something unappetizing like ground up shells."

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**One look at this chipmunk near Beach Lake, Pa., says a mouthful. Chipmunks may be cute but they're persistent plant pests with a yen for flower bulbs, particularly tulips. Daffodils and allium are among many bitter-tasting bulbs that are effective deterrents against these and many other plant predators.**

## Some bulbs downright unsavory

**By The Associated Press**

One of the best defenses against bulb-eating animals is mixing the bitter with the sweet: harsh-tasting alliums and daffodils, for example, intermingled with beds of predator-magnet tulips.

Here is a more extensive list of proven pest-resistant bulbs, courtesy of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center. All rank high on beauty and low on pest appeal, the center said.

■ Allium, or ornamental onion. Blooms early spring to late summer. Hardy in USDA Zones 4-8.

■ Chionodoxa or glory of the snow. Blooms late winter, early spring. Zones 4-8.

■ Crocus. Blooms late winter, early spring. Zones 4-8.

■ Eranthis or winter aconite, a member of the buttercup family. Blooms late winter, early spring. Zones 4-7.

■ Fritillaria or mission bells. Blooms mid- to late spring, depending upon variety. Zones 4-8.

■ Galanthus or snowdrop. Blooms late winter, early spring. Zones 4-8.

■ Hyacinthoides or bluebell. Blooms late spring. Zones 4-10.

■ Hyacinthus or hyacinth. Blooms mid-spring. Zones 4-8.

■ Muscari or grape hyacinth. Blooms mid- to late spring, depending upon variety. Zones 4-9.

■ Narcissus, more commonly known as daffodil. Blooms early to late spring, depending upon variety. Zones 4-11.

■ Oxalis or wood sorel. Blooms mid-spring to fall, depending upon variety. Hardy in zones 7-10.

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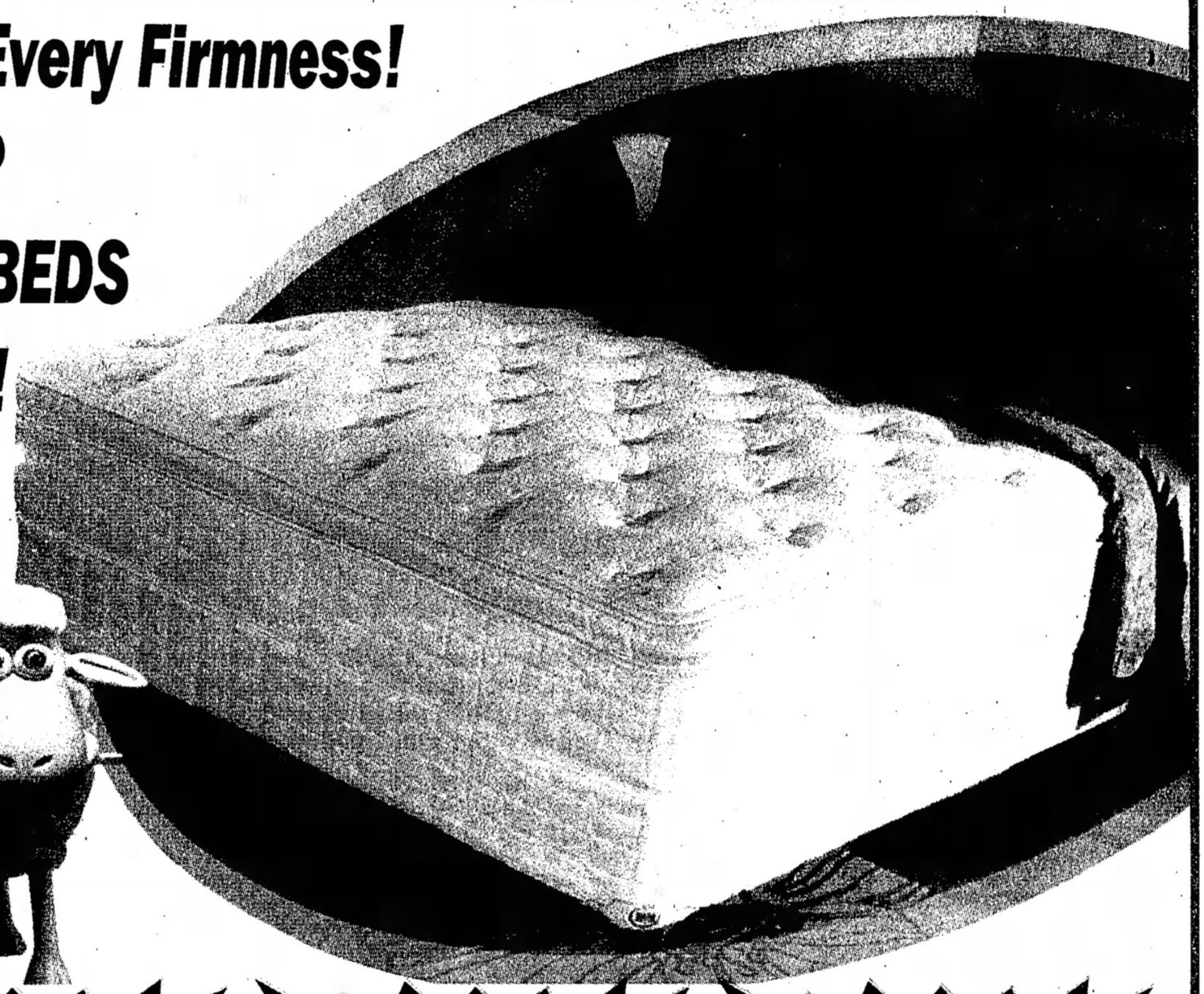

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College football season kicks off with fists swinging as two ranked teams duke it out on the blue turf.
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Michael Vick struggled on the field Thursday, but received some good news about his eligibility for the regular season.
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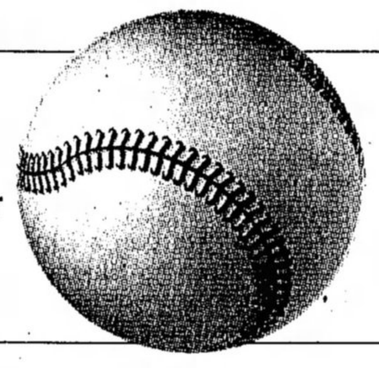
Who are the only two Pittsburgh Steelers to have two punt returns over 80 yards? 3B



**Last night's scores**

Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3
Chi. White Sox 5, Chi. Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1
Florida 8, Atlanta 3
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 2

# It's time to kick off the season!

Mentors are excited to see how their teams shape up in real games.

**By BRIAN HERMAN**
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As two of the WPIAL's youngest football coaches, you'd think that Belle Vernon Area's Aaron Krepps and Ringgold's Lloyd Price would be nervous wrecks on the opening night of the high school football season.

They're not.

"We've (the coaches) put a lot of time in with the kids and game time is fun night," said Krepps, whose Leps take on Laurel Highlands at James Weir Stadium.

"I'm really happy where we're at," he added.

So is Price, whose Rams face a tough opener at Quad A Peters Township.

"I think we're progressing and ahead of where I thought we'd be," he said. "I know we're prepared so there's no need to be nervous."

"I'm excited more than anything," said first-year California coach Brady Barbero, who takes the Trojans to Perryopolis to face Frazier. "We finally get a chance to see how all the hard work paid off."

Even though Luke Mollis is going to highly-touted Greensburg Central Catholic with his third Charleroi team, this lidlifter will be a little different.

"We played in different conferences my first two years and really didn't know much about the teams," said Mollis. "Now we have a better idea of what to expect."

Even though Monessen's Andy Pacak is facing his sixth opener at Rochester, he admits he didn't get a good night's sleep Thursday.

"I don't sleep well the night before a game and do a lot of tossing and turning," he said. "I don't worry about the game. I always worry about players getting injured and the little things."

How about Lou Rood, who's making his debut at Bentworth against visiting Mapletown and has been on the sidelines for neary three decades?

"I'm looking forward to it and am a little anxious," he admitted. "But I've been there before. I was nervous before my first games with Belle Vernon Area and the Pittsurgh Passion."

The area's other new coach is Jim Ward at Yough, who will make his debut in a home contest against Elizabeth Forward.

**LEFTOVERS:** The games at Belle Vernon Area and Greensburg Central Catholic will start at 7 p.m., a half hour earlier than the others.

### *Coaches ... we want your results!*

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## Stepoli's season in jeopardy?

**By BRIAN HERMAN**
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Monessen's highly-touted quarterback Terrance Stepoli has to sit out tonight's opener with Rochester because of getting ejected in the Greyhounds' last contest, a 47-0 second round playoff defeat to Clairton at Elizabeth Forward.

Stepoli

It may not be the only game he misses this season.

A 6-4, 203-pound junior, Stepoli's status for the remainder of the campaign is up in the air after suffering an eye injury in an off-the-field incident earlier this week.

"We're playing it day-by-day," said Monessen coach Andy Pacak. "He had to get stitches and there's swelling in the eye. There's a chance it could clear up. Right now we're just playing it by ear."

Stepoli went to an optometrist Thursday with his father and assistant coach Jim Stepoli saying his son's vision improved.

The doctor said he would know a lot more at Stepoli's next appointment Wednesday.

The elder Stepoli thinks his son will be able to play in next week's game at Clairton as a defensive end but not at quarterback.

Last season Stepoli threw for 704 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for 111 yards and five touchdowns in leading the Greyhounds to a 7-4 record.

The other quarterbacks on the Monessen roster are junior Brady Kunsa and freshman Chavis Rawlins.

# Stating their case

Youngsters take advantage of last time to show Steelers' coaches they deserve to make the team.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Pittsburgh's first team defense forced a three-and-out, Stefan Logan returned a punt for a touchdown, and the Steelers' second unit made Carolina punt before Ben Roethlisberger hit the field.

He threw one swing pass for seven yards on third-and-9 and called it a night.

With the Super Bowl champions opening the real season in a week, coach Mike Tomlin took few chances in the final exhibition Thursday, a 21-10 victory over the Panthers.

The first-team offense and defense took three snaps apiece, with the defense finishing the preseason without allowing a touchdown despite NFL defensive player of the year James Harrison not even suiting up.

"This brought to a close a productive preseason for us," Tomlin said.

Carolina, meanwhile, did little to ease concerns in what was a shaky, injury-plagued and winless preseason.

Jake Delhomme was 2 of 4 for 19 yards before exiting after two series, seven plays and one first down as the first-team offense finished with one touchdown in four exhibitions.

The first-team defense is the bigger worry, banged-up and unable to stop even Pittsburgh's reserves.

With Roethlisberger already wearing a baseball cap, rookie running back Isaac Redman may have cemented his spot on the 53-man roster by barreling over Chris Harris, Julius Peppers and others on a 10-yard touchdown run.

"I had him wrapped up and got knocked off the tackle by one of my teammates," Harris said. "That type of thing happens, friendly fire, but nothing to get worried about."

But coupled with Logan's 80-yard punt return, Pittsburgh (3-1) led 14-0 before the barrage of third-stringers entered early in the second quarter.

Sloppiness ensued.

Backup quarterback Josh McCown lost a fumble for Carolina (0-4). So did rookie running back Mike Goodson. It was recovered by Pittsburgh linebacker Donovan Woods, who injured his hamstring on the return.

Ryan Mundy returned Matt Moore's interception 31 yards to give Pittsburgh a 21-7 third-quarter lead.

Goodson rushed 15 times for 79 yards and Jamall Lee had a 1-yard TD run for Carolina.

The concern for Pittsburgh was the number of reserves banged up in a game where a combined 44 players won't be around after Saturday. Defensive tackle Scott Paxson (concussion) and receivers Dallas Baker (hip) and Tyler Grisham (shoulder) all left.

The Steelers decided not to even put Harrison, not listed as being injured, on the field. Receiver Santonio Holmes (back) and running back Willie Parker (hamstring) didn't dress and linebacker Lawrence Timmons (ankle) didn't travel.

But with the defense playing well and Roethlisberger coming off a strong game a week earlier against Buffalo, the champs are confident.

"Personally I feel great," safety Troy Polamalu said. "The obvious things are especially on special teams. We're going to make a big change there from last season and I think that will help our offense and defense out."

The performance provided little optimism in a tumultuous week for Carolina. Owner Jerry Richardson's two sons abruptly resigned from the organization on Tuesday. Richardson, still recovering from a February heart transplant, hired TCU athletic director Danny Morrison a day later to replace Mark Richardson as team president.

A cheerful Morrison attended the game, but with Jerry Richardson watching from his luxury box, the Panthers looked little like last year's NFC South-winning club.

"The one thing that you can take from this is that there's definitely some room for improvement," said receiver Muhsin Muhammad, who dropped a pass. "We need to put points on the board, obviously, and eliminate some turnovers."

The best news for Carolina may have come from starting linebacker Jon Beason after the game. Out with a sprained knee, the Panthers' top tackler last season said he plans to start running over the weekend and is confident he'll play in the opener Sept. 13 against Philadelphia.

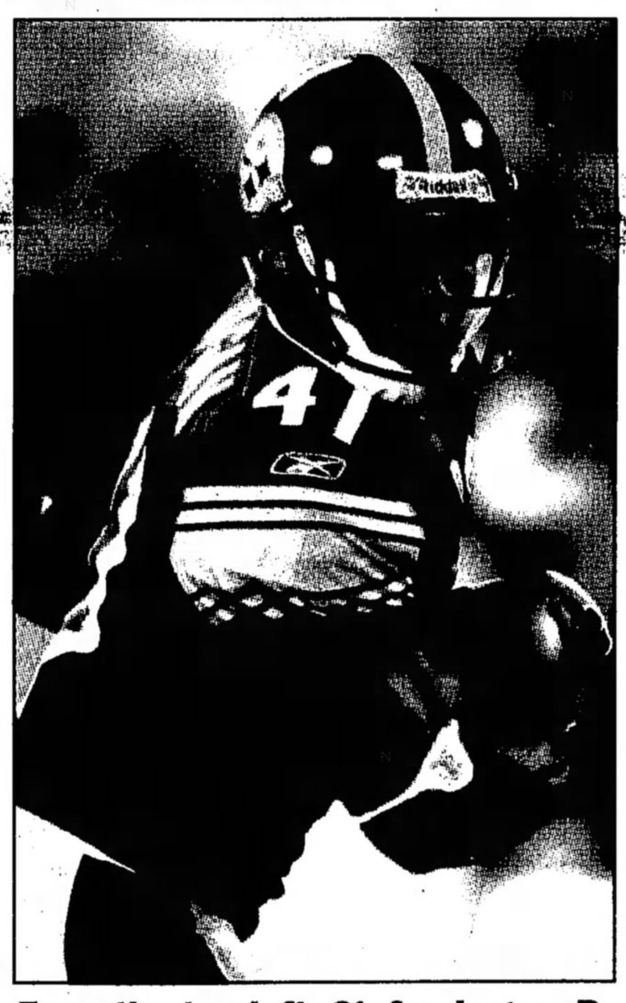
"I really don't have any doubt in my mind," Beason said.

They'll need him, with the unit struggling to find its way under new coordinator Ron Meeks. It didn't help that rookie defensive tackle Corvey Irvin left with a knee injury.

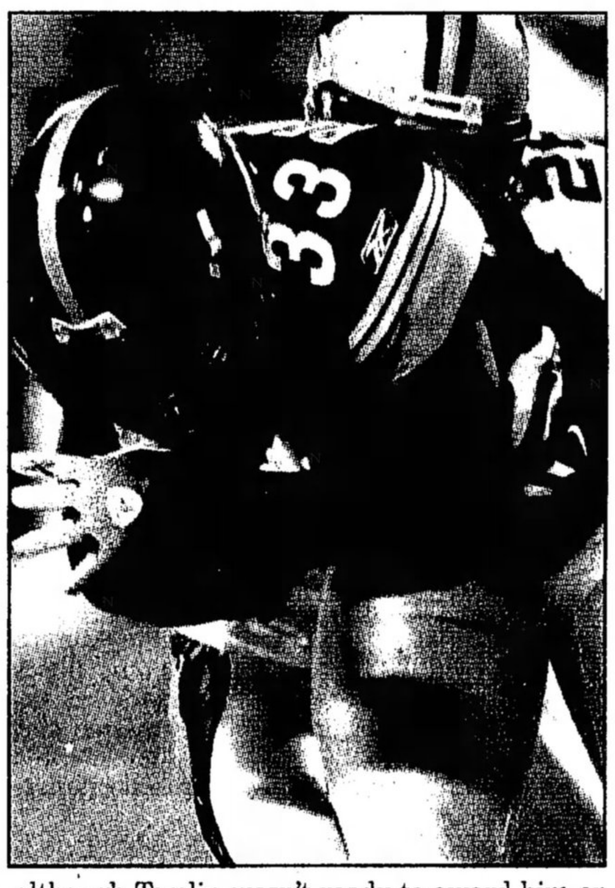
Redman rushed for 79 yards for the Steelers, although Tomlin wasn't ready to award him or Logan a roster spot.

He'll announce cuts today, then the Steelers prepare for the real stuff: celebrating the Super Bowl and playing with their stars next week against Tennessee.

**NOTES:** With Carolina DT Maake Kemoeatu (Achilles tendon) out for the season, there was no matchup with his brother Chris, Pittsburgh's left guard. ... Steelers LB Keyaron Fox had a sack on the first series. ... McCown likely earned the backup QB job after going 11 of 15 for 82 yards. ... Carolina last went winless in the 2000 preseason before going 7-9.



**From the top left, Stefan Logan, Ryan Mundy and Isaac Redman scored touchdowns for the Steelers in a 21-10 win over Carolina in the final preseason game for both teams.**



## EF girls hope to bounce back after tough '08

Lady Warrior booters failed to score a goal in 13 games last season.

**By BILL HUGHES**
*For The Valley Independent*

The Elizabeth Forward High girls' soccer team looks to get back on track after a disappointing 2008 season and they have the experience to do it.

The Lady Warriors were shut out 13 times last season, but they only lost five players to graduation and return nine seniors with varsity experience.

Leading the way will be their captains: forward Shannon Gibbons, midfielder Jessie Vilofsky, and the defender-midfield combo of Kassia Krol and Haylie McCracken.

"They bring lots of experience to lead their classmates," said third year coach Gary Myers. said.

The other seniors include three-year starting goalkeeper Jess Burns, midfielders Kelsey Burnsworth and Alexis Christofi, and forwards Valerie Godfrey and Jennifer Kisner.

Junior defender-midfielder Karley Staffen is a two-year letter winner and is joined in the lineup by junior defenders Rebecca Pell and Lauren Bruno.

As is the case with the other smaller schools in AAA, the Lady Warriors will also have to rely on younger and sometimes inexperienced players.

"This is going to be a very defining season for some of the sophomores where returning varsity is minimal," Myers said. "We just don't have the numbers like most of the other high schools in our section."

With smaller schools, they have to remain healthy.

"With only 12 upperclassmen and the potential for injury at any given time, the sophomores and freshmen will be called upon to come off the bench and contribute in a strong way," Myers said.

Coming off of last year's 4-12-2 showing including 3-8-1 in Class AAA Section 5, the Lady Warriors are looking to move up in the section and Myers looks at himself to make it happen.

"The pressure is on me to come up with the winning training formula which the older, more experienced players will feel confident that it will bring success," he said. "At the same time, this will hasten the development of the younger players we need to step up to varsity level play."

The Lady Warriors open up Saturday in the Thomas Jefferson tournament against McGuffey at 11 a.m.

SPORTS

# Fight mars end of college opener

OSU player punches Boise State player at the end of the game.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Four quarters of getting flustered by the guys in blue finally made Oregon's LeGarrette Blount snap.

Not only is No. 16 Oregon heading home after getting bullied around by No. 14 Boise State. The Ducks now must wonder what is to happen with their punch-throwing running back.

Kellen Moore threw for 197 yards and a touchdown and Boise State pushed around Oregon 19-8 on Thursday night, turning the Broncos' biggest home game ever into a four-quarter party.

That is until the closing moments when Blount lost his cool and punched Boise State's Byron Hout, then needed to be restrained by police and team staff to keep from going after fans.

"I just apologize to anyone watching that," Blount said. "I just apologize to all of our fans and all of Boise's fans. That's something I shouldn't have done. I lost my head."

As the Broncos began celebrating on their famous blue turf, Hout yelled in Blount's face and tapped him on the shoulder pad. That drew an immediate scream from Boise State head coach Chris Petersen, but before Petersen could pull Hout away, Blount landed a right hand to the defensive end's jaw.

"I tell you what, that will never happen again," Blount continued. "I will never lose my head again. ... I should have handled that situation a lot better than I did."

Boise Police Lt. Bryan Hagler said the department would not get involved, despite rumors that Blount might get arrested.

Oregon coach Chip Kelly, in his first game replacing Mike Bellotti, said he would review the game film before making a decision on Blount's future. He set an Oregon record with 17 rushing touchdowns last year, but was held to (minus)-5 yards rushing on eight carries, part of a miserable offensive night for the Ducks.

NCAA rules on fighting only address pregame and in-game situations, leading Bellotti, now Oregon's athletic director, to tell reporters after the game that the decision on Blount would rest with the school.

"I did not see anything. I will see it on tape and make a decision on what we need to do with him," Kelly said. "There is no place for that. I do not condone that. I will make that decision if that is the case."

Before Blount's punch, the Ducks were already getting beat up by the Broncos.

Nearly every available space inside Bronco Stadium was crammed with fans desperate to see this border-state battle, one that everyone expected to turn into a high-scoring shootout.

If not for two missed field goals, a botched field-goal snap and three turnovers, it very well might have been a high-scoring rout for the Broncos.

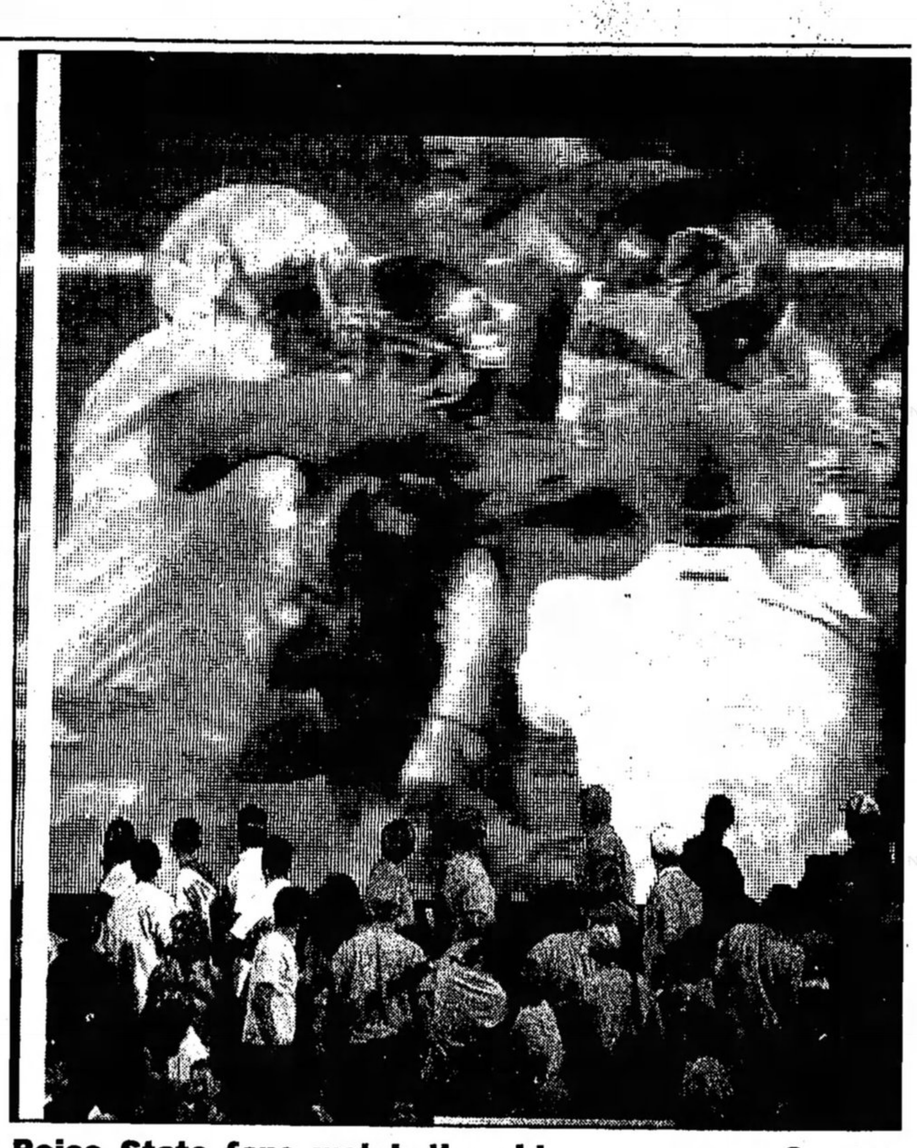
They outgained Oregon 361 to 152, rolling up 22 first downs to the Ducks' six. The struggles of Kelly's offense were stunning, considering Oregon scored a combined 162 points in its final three games of 2008 and brought quarterback Jeremiah Masoli back to run the show.

The total yards were the fewest for Oregon in nearly 15 years. Oregon had the ball for 17 minutes, 28 seconds and didn't get its first first down until the 7:07 mark of the third quarter.

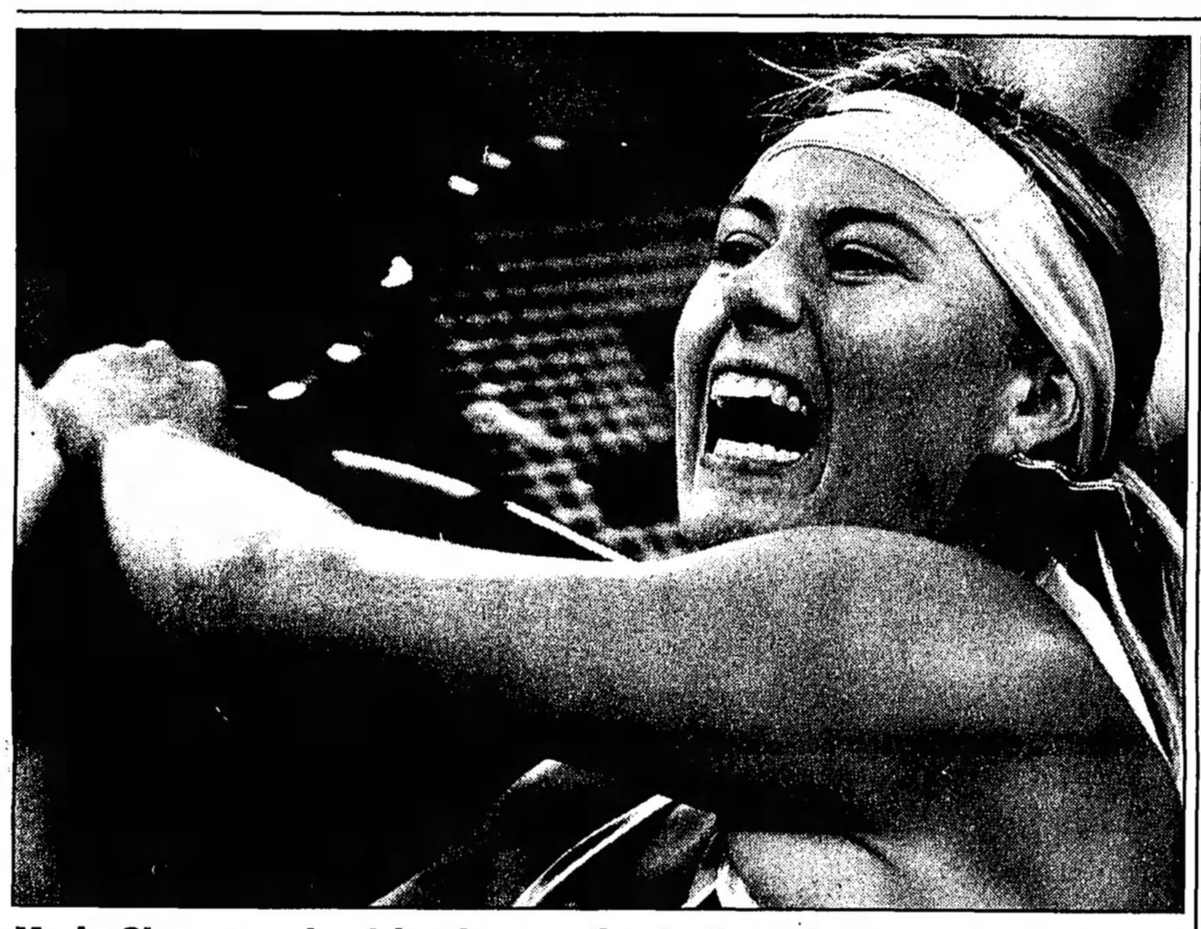
"It's not a situation where you scrap what you do or you throw a fit and yell and scream and all those things," Kelly said. "A lot of it was a byproduct that they're a good football team."

The Broncos had no problem marching. Moore hit 14 of 20 throws in the first half and finished 19 of 29. He was also given plenty of time in the pocket behind a young offensive line that, for one night, answered the biggest question about the Broncos in the offseason.

Moore connected with Austin Pettis for a 10-yard touchdown midway through the second quarter and the two-point conversion put Boise State up 8-0. Blount was later pulled down in the end zone by Billy Winn for a safety.



**Boise State fans watch the video screen as Oregon State running back LeGarrette Blount slugs Boise State's Byron Hunt in the face following the Broncos' 19-8 win.**



**Maria Sharapova kept her hopes alive in the U.S. Open with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Christina McHale.**

# Sharapova's hot streak in U. S. Open takes a back seat to teen's upset

17-year-old American Melanie Oudin knocks off No. 4 Elena Dementieva.

NEW YORK (AP) — They are both ahead of schedule.

Maria Sharapova is progressing quickly on one track that might make her a champion again, while Melanie Oudin is speeding on another that gets her mentioned in the same sentence with Sharapova.

Oudin, the 17-year-old American, pieced together the biggest upset of the first week of the U.S. Open on Thursday, while Sharapova, still working her way back into shape from her shoulder injury, avoided that fate.

Next, the two will meet in a third-round match in which the toughest task might belong to the fans at Flushing Meadows: deciding who to cheer for.

"The whole thing was just amazing. I can't believe I won," Oudin said after her 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 victory over No. 4 Elena Dementieva.

She added the Dementieva win to an upset she pulled off against former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic at Wimbledon.

Oudin's quest for the next shocker comes against Sharapova, who is only No. 29, though there's a growing sense that the Russian, a three-time major champion, is playing better than that.

Sharapova defeated another 17-year-old American, Christina McHale, 6-2, 6-1 during the night session at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Sharapova has lost a total of six games in two matches this week.

"I certainly think I'm playing a lot better than I was when I first got back," she said. "I feel like the belief in the game, the confidence, is coming back."

She has some other good things going for her. One is that Grand Slam tournaments normally provide players with a day of rest between matches — good news for the shoulder that kept her out for nearly 10 months.

Just as significant is that Dementieva and Jankovic, another upset victim Thursday, were on her side of the draw. That side is headlined by top-seeded Dinara Safina — who struggled through her second straight unimpressive, three-set victory Thursday — and missing, quite notably, both the Williams sisters, who play their third-round matches Friday.

"Just because other people are struggling doesn't make me a bigger contender," Sharapova said. "I'm a contender when I'm in the draw. That's the way I look at it. Other people's struggles don't make my draw, or anything else in my path to a Grand Slam easier."

Indeed, before she starts thinking about winning her second U.S. Open, she must deal with Oudin, who has moved up to 70th in the rankings, which makes her the third-best American in women's tennis.

She wears pink and yellow shoes with the word "Believe" stamped on the outside of the heels. While it's getting easier to believe with every big win she puts up, nobody in her camp expected it all so soon.

"I knew she'd always make the top 10 or 20," said her mother, Leslie. "I did know that. But not now. Maybe when she hit 21 or something."

Or sooner if she keeps going like this.

Her match against Dementieva, who has been playing well of late, was hardly a rollover. It included a medical break to tape up her left leg, which has been bothering Oudin for most of the summer. She started crying after the break, and guessed the leg got worse because of the magnitude of the event.

"First time playing on Arthur Ashe, I was beating No. 4 in the world, about to beat her," Oudin said. "Just a little bit of everything. A lot of things were going through my mind."

She had three match points at 5-3 and started cringing after Dementieva saved the first two with winners off aggressive points. Oudin placed the serve at 40-30 hard into the backhand corner and Dementieva couldn't get it back.

The Russian, the 2008 Olympic gold medalist still in search of her first Grand Slam title, said she did not give the match away.

"She was in the court, not afraid to play, playing very aggressively, really enjoying this atmosphere and the crowd support," Dementieva said. "It looks like she has a good future."

While the women's draw had its upsets, the men's side went to form, and Americans played a big role in that.

No. 5 Andy Roddick, No. 21 James Blake and No. 22 Sam Querrey all won, as did 55th-ranked John Isner and 276th-ranked Jesse Witten. Robby Ginepri and Taylor Dent are also still in the draw, meaning Labor Day weekend at the U.S. Open will have its share of American flavor.

# Goodell says 2010 will see no salary cap for NFL

Commish thinks it will be tough for owners, unin to hammer out deal.

NEW YORK (AP) — No NFL salary cap next season seems a foregone conclusion to Roger Goodell.

Without any substantive negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement, Goodell said Thursday team owners are preparing for an uncapped 2010 season, the final year of the current deal that the owners opted out of last year.

"Because of the timing, we recognize there's a strong reality there will be an uncapped year, and the owners have planned for it," Goodell said. "What the owners' intent is is to get an agreement."

Goodell also bristled at the notion the owners would lock out the players in 2011.

Goodell met with union chief DeMaurice Smith on Tuesday over lunch, but no negotiations took place.

"I told De, 'Let's start negotiating,'" Goodell said, "and that's our intent."

But there is no timetable for beginning significant talks, and the union says the onus is on the owners to present an offer.

According to league figures, the players have received about 75 percent of revenues since 2006, while the other 25 percent has gone to costs, plus another 6 percent over that which owners have absorbed because of rising costs.

The union disputes those numbers.

"The CBA explicitly restricts player costs to just under 60 percent," NFLPA spokesman George Atallah told The Associated Press. "That is fixed. They'd have to provide relevant information to support that wild claim, because we certainly don't have it."

Goodell insisted the union knows everything about the teams' finances.

"The union has incredible information with respect to the teams. They have audit rights," Goodell said. "I think that's a distraction from the real issues. We don't want to get into rhetoric. I told that directly to De on Tuesday."

Citing a recent survey by Forbes magazine showing 19 franchises are worth at least $1 billion, Atallah said: "Average team profits last year increased by 31 percent and labor costs by only 4 percent. Historical reports by Forbes also reveal that team values have increased exponentially. The Patriots, for example, increased in value from $172 million in 1994 to $1.4 billion today. That's 713 percent in the past 15 years. Doesn't seem like a broken model to me.

"Just tell us directly the specifics of why this CBA is not working," he added. "We can't be forced to negotiate over a proposal that doesn't yet exist."

Early in a news conference Thursday at league headquarters, Goodell announced Eagles quarterback Michael Vick will be eligible to play in Week 3. Originally, Goodell ruled that Vick, who completed a 23-month federal sentence for dogfighting earlier this summer, could not return before the sixth week of the season.

"He understands he has very little margin for error," Goodell said of Vick, who played Thursday night against the Jets.

Goodell also:

■ Noted several early-season games are not sold out and could be blacked out locally. He said "our worst-case projection is at least 80 percent of our games will be shown in local markets and are sold out."

He reiterated his support for an expansion of the regular season to 17 or 18 games, eliminating two preseason matches. That issue has been discussed with the union.

■ Said the video boards in the new Cowboys Stadium won't present a significant problem for punters.

After Titans punter A.J. Trapasso hit the video board at the $1.3 billion facility in Arlington, Texas, on Aug. 21, the league altered its playing rules. The boards hang at 90 feet, which is 5 feet higher than NFL guidelines.

# Vick gets early reinstatement

NEW YORK (AP) — After missing two seasons and serving an 18-month prison term, sitting out two regular-season games can't be too difficult for Michael Vick.

Vick got the green light for full reinstatement by Roger Goodell on Thursday, when the NFL commissioner said the disgraced quarterback could play later this month instead of waiting until October. Vick, Goodell and Eagles coach Andy Reid met earlier in the day.

"I was surprised, but I'm just blessed to have an opportunity," Vick said after the Eagles lost 38-27 to the Jets in the preseason finale. "It's still somewhat like a dream when I step out there on the field, coming where I came from two years ago and where I've been. I just try to enjoy the moment. I can't complain about anything.

"If it was a six-game suspension, and if that was the ruling and the final verdict, I would've been happy and just would've said I had to work on personal development and perfecting my game."

Vick signed with Philadelphia on Aug. 13 and played in two preseason games. Goodell's decision

Micheal Vick

means he can return in the Sept. 27 home game against Kansas City. It would be Vick's first regular-season game since he was sent to prison for his role in operating a dogfighting ring. The former Atlanta Falcons star was released from federal custody July 20.

Originally, Goodell said he would consider Vick for reinstatement no later than the sixth week of the season — Oct. 18.

"I think he's making real progress," Goodell said. "I think he has a better feel for the challenges ahead of him.

"He understands he has very little margin for error, that people are watching him."

The folks watching him at Giants Stadium didn't see vintage Vick — or anything close. Vick ran for a 2-yard touchdown, but was sacked four times, lost a fumble and was intercepted.

"A lot of things I could've done better," he said, "but it was good to get out there and play some quarterback on a consistent basis and shake off the cobwebs a little bit."

Vick was in and out of the lineup in the opening half, and was booed each time he ran onto the field. He lined up at quarterback and wide receiver at times, and scored his first NFL touchdown since 2006 to give the Eagles a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter. Vick lined up at quarterback, faked a handoff and ran up the middle from 2 yards 25 seconds into the quarter.

"I still think I'm a couple of weeks away," he said. "I can use this time to get myself in shape, build my endurance, continue to strengthen my legs and continue to work my mind with the offense. Just try to do all the right things to put myself in position when I'm called on I can go out and perform at my best."

# SPORTS

## Major League Baseball

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East Division

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| Philadelphia | 77 | 54 | .588 | — |
| Atlanta | 70 | 64 | .522 | 8 1/2 |
| Florida | 70 | 64 | .522 | 8 1/2 |
| New York | 60 | 74 | .448 | 18 1/2 |
| Washington | 46 | 88 | .343 | 32 1/2 |

Central Division

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| St. Louis | 79 | 56 | .585 | — |
| Chicago | 67 | 65 | .508 | 10 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 65 | 68 | .489 | 13 |
| Houston | 63 | 70 | .474 | 15 |
| Cincinnati | 60 | 73 | .451 | 18 |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 79 | .402 | 24 1/2 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| Los Angeles | 80 | 55 | .593 | — |
| Colorado | 74 | 60 | .552 | 5 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 73 | 61 | .545 | 6 1/2 |
| Arizona | 61 | 74 | .452 | 19 |
| San Diego | 59 | 76 | .437 | 21 |

**Thursday's Games**

Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1
Florida 8, Atlanta 3
L.A. Dodgers 4, Arizona 2

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Florida (West 6-5) at Washington (Mock 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 16-7) at Pittsburgh (K.Hart 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Parnell 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 11-12) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 13-8), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 5-1) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 12-9), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 9-11) at Milwaukee (Suppan 6-8), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Haren 13-8) at Colorado (Hammel 8-7), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (LeBlanc 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 8-7), 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 86 | 48 | .642 | — |
| Boston | 78 | 55 | .586 | 7 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 72 | 61 | .541 | 13 1/2 |
| Toronto | 59 | 74 | .444 | 26 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 54 | 80 | .403 | 32 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 72 | 61 | .541 | — |
| Minnesota | 67 | 66 | .504 | 5 |
| Chicago | 66 | 69 | .489 | 7 |
| Cleveland | 58 | 75 | .436 | 14 |
| Kansas City | 51 | 82 | .383 | 21 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 78 | 54 | .591 | — |
| Texas | 75 | 58 | .564 | 3 1/2 |
| Seattle | 71 | 64 | .526 | 8 1/2 |
| Oakland | 59 | 75 | .440 | 20 |

**Thursday's Games**

Detroit 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 5, Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 5
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3
Seattle 7, Oakland 4

**Today's Games**

Minnesota (Pavano 11-10) at Cleveland (Sowers 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 14-4) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 8-4) at Toronto (Halladay 13-8), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 15-7) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-5), 7:38 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 13-5) at Kansas City (Meche 6-10), 8:10 p.m.
Boston (P.Byrd 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 0-2), 8:11 p.m.
Seattle (Rowland-Smith 2-2) at Oakland (Mazzaro 4-9), 10:05 p.m.

## Steelers summary

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 14 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - 21 |
| Carolina | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 | - 10 |

**First quarter**

Pit-Logan 80 punt return (Reed kick), 13:20.
Pit-Redman 10 run (Reed kick), 3:20.

**Third quarter**

Car-Lee 1 run (Kasay kick), 7:55.
Pit-Mundy 31 interception return (Czech kick), 3:01.

**Fourth quarter**

Car-FG Kasay 37, 11:08.
Att-70,073.

**Team statistics**

| | Pit | Car |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 12 | 20 |
| Total Net Yards | 211 | 320 |
| Rushes-yards | 30-137 | 28-123 |
| Passing | 74 | 197 |
| Punt Returns | 2-89 | 4-12 |
| Kickoff Returns | 2-47 | 4-90 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-31 | 0-0 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 8-10-0 | 26-40-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 4-13 | 6-46 |
| Punts | 5-43.8 | 3-49.7 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 4-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-35 | 4-35 |
| Time of Possession | 24:25 | 35:35 |

**Individual statistics**

**Rushing**

**Pittsburgh** - Redman 12-79, Vincent 11-28, Logan 2-27, Summers 1-4, Mendenhall 2-1, Reilly 2-(minus 2).

**Carolina** - Goodson 15-79, Lee 11-37, D.Williams 2-7.

**Passing**

**Pittsburgh** - Reilly 5-7-0-65, Batch 2-2-0-15, Roethlisberger 1-1-0-7.

**Carolina** - M. Moore 8-13-1-89, McCown 11-15-0-82, Cantwell 5-8-0-53, Delhomme 2-4-0-19.

**Pass receiving**

**Pittsburgh** - McDonald 3-43, Grisham 2-23, Vincent 2-14, Moore 1-7.

**Carolina** - K.Moore 6-59, Jarrett 4-44, McMahan 4-37, Monk 2-33, Chery 2-18, Davie 2-15, Goodson 2-13, Rosario 2-5, Muhammad 1-10, D.Williams 1-9.

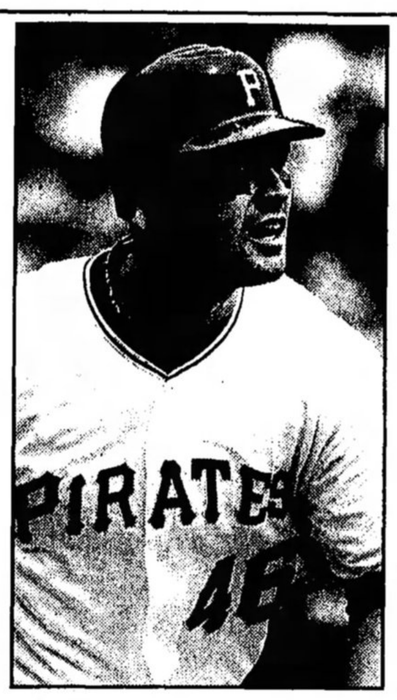
## NFL pre-season schedule

**Thursday's Games**

Detroit 17, Buffalo 6
N.Y. Jets 38, Philadelphia 27
Baltimore 20, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 38, Indianapolis 7
New England 38, N.Y. Giants 27
Jacksonville 24, Washington 17
Chicago 26, Cleveland 23
Tennessee 27, Green Bay 13
St. Louis 17, Kansas City 9
Miami 10, New Orleans 7
Pittsburgh 21, Carolina 10
Denver 19, Arizona 0
Seattle 31, Oakland 21

**Toay's Games**

Houston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10 p.m.



**Garrett Jones and the Pirates will try to get on the winning track against St. Louis, 7:05 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.**

## Sports dial

**Today**

**Television**

1 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Deutsche Bank Championship, golf.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - First Tee Open, golf.
7 p.m. - ESPN2 - U.S. Open, tennis.
7:05 p.m. - Fox Sports - St. Louis at Pittsburgh, baseball.
8 p.m. - ESPN - Tulsa at Tulane, college football.
8 p.m. - NFL Network - Dallas at Minnesota, pro football.

**Radio**

7 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Canon-McMillan at Trinity, high school football.
7 p.m. - WBGG (970) - Chartiers Valley at West Allegheny, high school football.
7:05 p.m. - WPGB (104.7 FM) - St. Lopuis at Pittburgh, baseball.
7:05 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Florence at Washington Wild Thigs, baseball.
7:30 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Bethel-Park at Kiski Area, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Gateway at PennHills, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WMBS - Uniontown at Connellsville, high shool football.

## Frontier League standings

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kalamazoo | 56 | 37 | .602 | - |
| Lake Erie | 55 | 37 | .598 | .5 |
| Florence | 47 | 46 | .505 | 9 |
| Washington | 42 | 51 | .452 | 14 |
| Traverse City | 41 | 51 | .446 | 14.5 |
| Ypsilanti | 41 | 52 | .441 | 15 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| River City | 54 | 37 | .593 | - |
| Southern Illinois | 55 | 38 | .591 | - |
| Windy City | 54 | 39 | .581 | 1 |
| Rockford | 43 | 48 | .473 | 11 |
| Gateway | 39 | 54 | .419 | 16 |
| Evansville | 28 | 65 | .301 | 27 |

**Thursday's Games**

Gateway 12, Rockford 7
Washington 3, Kalamazoo 1
Lake Erie 5, Florence 4
River City 10, Evansville 7
Windy City 17, Southern Illinois 4

**Today's Games**

Ypsilanti at Lake Erie, 7:05 p.m.
Gateway at Evansville, 7:05 p.m.
Florence at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Kalamazoo at Traverse City, 7:05 p.m.
Windy City at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
River City at Southern Illinois, 8:05 p.m.

## Latest Line

**NFL**

| Favorite | Odds | | Underdog |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Preseason Week Four** | | | |
| **Today** | | | |
| TAMPA BAY | 3 | (34) | Houston |
| MINNESOTA | 3 | (36) | Dallas |
| SAN DIEGO | 4 | (37) | San Fran. |

**College Football**

| Favorite | Odds | Underdog |
|---|---|---|
| **Today** | | |
| Tulsa | 13 1/2(64) | TULANE |
| **Saturday, Sept 5** | | |
| OHIO STATE | 21 1/2 | Navy |
| PENN STATE | 27 | Akron |
| MICHIGAN | 12 1/2 | W. Michigan |
| Connecticut | 4 | OHIO |
| NOTRE DAME | 14 1/2 | Nevada |
| OKLA. STATE | 5 | Georgia |
| a-Kentucky | 15 | Miami-Ohio |
| b-Oklahoma | 22 | Byu |
| c-Illinois | 7 | Missouri |
| ALA-BIRM. | 5 1/2 | Rice |
| WAKE FOREST | 2 | Baylor |
| Minnesota | 7 | SYRACUSE |
| E. MICHIGAN | 5 1/2 | Army |
| WISCONSIN | 16 1/2 | N. Illinois |
| PURDUE | 11 | Toledo |
| Stanford | 16 1/2 | WASH. ST |
| AUBURN | 13 1/2 | Louisiana Tech |
| TEXAS A&M | 14 1/2 | New Mexico |
| d-Alabama | 6 | Virginia Tech |
| NEW MEX. ST | 3 | Idaho |
| TEX. EL PASO | 8 1/2 | Buffalo |
| CALIFORNIA | 21 | Maryland |
| SO. CAL | 33 1/2 | San Jose St |
| ARIZONA | 14 | Central Michigan |
| UCLA | 19 | San Diego St |
| Lsu | 17 1/2 | WASHINGTON |
| NEBRASKA | 23 | Florida Atlantic |
| CLEMSON | 19 | Middle Tenn St |
| TEXAS | 41 1/2 | La-Monroe |
| TENNESSEE | 30 | W. Kentucky |

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

## Football card

**Scholastic**
**Today**
**Class AA**
**Interstate Conference**

Charleroi at Greensburg C.C.
South Allegheny at Brownsville
Jeannette at East Allegheny
McGuffey at Mt. Pleasant
Washington at Waynesburg

**Non-conference**

Ringgold at Peters Towship
Laurel Highlands at Belle Vernon Area
Monessen at Rochester
Elizabeth Forward at Yough
California at Frazier
Mapletown at Bentworth
H.D. Woodson (Washington, D.C.) at Thomas Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at West Allegheny
Canon-McMillan at Trinity
West Mifflin at Allderdice.
Albert Gallatin at Wilkinsburg
Derry at Latrobe
Southmoreland at Franklin Regional
Uniontown at Connellsville.
Carmichaels at Fort Cherry
Jefferson-Morgan at Leechburg
West Greene at Chartiers-Houston
Clairton at Laurel
West Greene at Chartiers-Houston
North Catholic at Serra
Geibel at Avella
South Side Beaver at Burgettstown

## Soccer card

**Scholastic**
**Today**
**Girls**
**At South Hills Classic**

4 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area vs Peters Towwnship
6 p.m. - Mt. Lebanon vs Penn-Trafford
8 p.m. - South Park vs Chartiers Valley

**Non-conference**

3:30 p.m. - Ringgold at Steel Valley
4 p.m. - Vincentian at Charleroi

**Saturday**
**Boys**
**Belle Vernon Area Tournament**

9 a.m. - Charleroi vs Belle Vernon Area
11 a.m. - Ringgold vs Waynesburg
1 p.m. - McKeesport vs Central Catholic
3 p.m. - BV Area vs Chartiers-Houston

**Canon-McMillan Tournament**

1 p.m. - Bentworth vs Canon-McMillan
3 p.m. - North Hills vs McGuffey

**Monessen Tournament**

Noon - California vs Carrick
4 p.m. - Monessen vs St. Joseph

**Girls**
**Monessen Tournament**

10 a.m. - Charleroi vs Chartiers-Houston
2 p.m. - Monessen vs Beth-Center

**South Fayette Tournament**

Noon - Ringgold vs Gateway
4 p.m. - Waynesburg vs South Fayette

**South Hills Classic**

1 p.m. - BV Area vs Chartiers Valley
4 p.m. - Peters Township vs Mt. Lebanon
7 p.m. - Penn-Trafford vs South Park

**Thomas Jefferson Tournament**

9 a.m. - T. Jefferson vs West Mifflin
11 a.m. - Eliz. Forward vs McGuffey
2 p.m. - McGuffey vs West Mifflin
4 p.m. - Eliz. Forward vs T. Jefferson

## Area golf

**At Willowbrook**
**Belle Vernon Area - 190**

Bo Lustig, 33; Tyber Lustig and Brad Antal, 37; Kirby Manown, 41; Brett Bishop, 42. Non-count - Kyle Naden, 42.

**Southmoreland - 239**

Chip Smith, 43; Dan Wright, 45; Brandon Yohase, 48; Nathan Opalinski, 50; Cory Villinger, 53. Non-count - Cory Nicklow, 58.

**At Duck Hollow**
**Laurel Highlands - 199**

Nate Nesser and Ben Sutton, 38; Dave Byers and Zach Collins, 40; Alex Ashton, 43. Non-count - Ricardo Ezzi, 45.

**Ringgold - 219**

Mike Yavorsky, 39; Colin McCormick,Rico Rodiguez and Connor kane, 43; NickFeld, 51. Non-count: Jared Hancock, 52.

**At Mon Valley Country Club**
**Frazier - 222**

Robert Gondura, 39; Nick Hawranko, 41; Zach Smalich, 44; Tyler Rock, 47; D.J. Hudak, 51. Non-count: Wyatt Tidholm, 53.

**Charleroi - 226**

Eric Anderson, 37; Brandon Konek, 42; Josh Mathers, 47; Kirk Melenyzer, 49; Evan Wysachonski, 51. Non-count - Derek Sergi, 51.

**At Cedarbrook**
**California - 208**

Tyler Van Olst, 37; Phillip Langley and Dominic Roach, 42; David Beck, 43; Zac Edmiston, 44. Non-count: Nick Roberts, 46.

**Carmichaels - 246**

Zach Wolfe, 40; Trevor Robinson, 49; Brandon Wolfe, 51; Christian Berardi, 52; Alex Watson, 54. Non-count - Jeff Swift, 60.

**At Foxwood Acres**
**Bentworth - 199**

Kyle Kubovcik,Ty Bell and Garrett Damich, 37; Marko Kochis, 44; Shelby Dziak, 50.

**Geibel - 234**

Shawn Erdely, 43; Ryan Robson, 46; Mike Noonan, 47; Ryan Lucostic and Patrick Herbert, 49.

## Football scores

**COLLEGE**
**EAST**

Maine 34, St. Cloud St. 27, OT
N.Y. Maritime 31, Mass. Maritime 14
Villanova 27, Temple 24

**SOUTH**

Chattanooga 30, Glenville St. 13
Murray St. 66, Kentucky Wesleyan 10
South Carolina 7, N.C. State 3
Tenn.-Martin 56, Iowa Wesleyan 0

**MIDWEST**

Bowling Green 31, Troy 14
Cent. Washington 13, Minn. Duluth 10
E. Illinois 31, Illinois St. 6
Findlay 35, Tiffin 13
Indiana 19, E. Kentucky 13
Iowa St. 34, N. Dakota St. 17
Kent St. 18, Coastal Carolina 0
Minn.-Crookston 47, Mayville St. 21
North Texas 20, Ball St. 10
South Dakota 52, William Penn 0
SE Missouri 72, Quincy 3

## Sports moves

**BASKETBALL**
**National Basketball Association**

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Named Bill Laimbeer, Reggie Theus, Dave Wohl, and J.B. Bickerstaff assistant coaches.

**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Fired offensive coordinator Jeff Jagodzinski. Named quarterbacks coach Greg Olson offensive coordinator.

## Youth football

**Mon Valley Leagle**
**Schedule**
**Saturday**

Noon - California at Bentworth; Charleroi at Monongahela, Donora at Union-Finley; Frazier at Monessen; Norwin at Yough; Brownsville at Beth-Center

**Sunday**

Noon - Elizabeth Forward at South Allegheny; Rostraver at Southmoreland

# Vick struggles as Jets top Eagles; Pats, Jags win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Michael Vick took off, eluded a few tacklers and showed flashes of what once made him one of the NFL's most exciting players.

"I think we got a chance to see that he's got a little juice in those legs," Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He turned it on there a couple of times."

Vick, who found out earlier Thursday that he'll be eligible to play in Week 3, might need those first two weeks of the regular season to truly get back up to speed. In his first significant action in three years, the Eagles quarterback ran for a 2-yard touchdown, but was sacked four times, lost a fumble and was intercepted as the New York Jets beat the Eagles 38-27.

"I still think I'm a couple of weeks away," Vick said. "I'll take this time to get myself in shape, build my endurance, continue to strengthen my legs and to work my mind with the offense."

Vick was released from federal custody July 20 after serving 18 months of a 23-month sentence for his role in operating a dogfighting ring. He recently signed with the Eagles, and met with commissioner Roger Goodell at the team's hotel a few hours before the game. Goodell announced that Vick will be eligible to play in Philadelphia's home game Sept. 27 against Kansas City.

"It's still somewhat like a dream when I step out there on the field, coming where I came from two years ago and where I've been," Vick said. "I just try to enjoy the moment. I can't complain about anything."

He finished 7 for 11 for 26 yards, and carried the ball seven times for 35 yards.

Booed each time he ran onto the field in the first half, Vick lined up at quarterback, faked a handoff and ran up the middle and scored 25 seconds into the second quarter to give the Eagles a 14-7 lead. It was his first touchdown since the 2006 season.

Vick entered the game on the Eagles' third play from scrimmage and ran 2 yards for a first down. He was in and out of the lineup in the opening half, and was intercepted on his first pass. His toss intended for Jeremy Maclin was slightly underthrown from 36 yards as Dwight Lowery picked it off.

Meanwhile, Jets rookie Mark Sanchez looked sharp, completing all five of his passes, and capped his only series with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Jerricho Cotchery.

**PATRIOTS 38, GIANTS 27**

At Foxborough, Mass., Patriots rookie Brian Hoyer helped his chances to become Tom Brady's primary backup, throwing a scoring pass and leading three drives that BenJarvus Green-Ellis finished with rushing touchdowns.

**BENGALS 38, COLTS 7**

At Cincinnati, Bengals backup J.T. O'Sullivan capped his only series with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell.

**JAGUARS 24, REDSKINS 17**

At Jacksonville, Fla., David Garrard led the Jaguars to a touchdown and two field goals in four possessions, and receiver Mike Sims-Walker looked sharp in his first action in nearly a month, catching four passes for 64 yards and a TD.

**SEAHAWKS 31, RAIDERS 21**

At Seattle, Aaron Curry made four tackles, two for losses, hit Oakland quarterbacks twice, then sacked one and forced a fumble to set up a field goal — all in the first half.

**BEARS 26, BROWNS 23**

At Chicago, Robbie Gould kicked two of his four field goals in the fourth quarter for the Bears and Caleb Hanie went 9 of 13 for 119 yards and a touchdown.

**TITANS 27, PACKERS 13**

At Nashville, Tenn., Vince Young ran for a touchdown and threw for another in his strongest performance of the preseason for the Titans.

# SPORTS DIGEST

## Charleroi season ticket sale Tuesday

Charleroi will hold a football season ticket sale Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Charleroi Stadium.

Season tickets cost $20 for five home games.

Advance tickets for the Sept. 11 home contest with East Allegheny will also be sold Tuesday.

The home opener will honor the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees and members of Charleroi's 1959 WPIAL championship team.

## Remember When starting Monday

Starting Monday, the popular 'Remember When?' photos will be published daily in the sports section during the football season.

## Trivia answer

Brady Keys had 90 and 82 yarders and Antwaan Randle El had 84 and 81 yarders.

## Koosman facing prison time

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A federal judge sentenced former major league pitcher Jerry Koosman to six months in prison for not paying his taxes.

Prosecutors say Koosman, a former All-Star who helped the New York Mets win the 1969 World Series, didn't pay federal income taxes for 2002, 2003 and 2004. He pleaded guilty in May to willfully failing to file taxes for 2002, a misdemeanor, in a deal with prosecutors.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb found that Koosman cost the government as much as $80,000.

## Rambis, Laimbeer to Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kurt Rambis and Bill Laimbeer were perhaps the two biggest agitators on the court when the Los Angeles Lakers and Detroit Pistons went at each other in the 1980s.

Now the blue collar of those glitzy "Showtime" Lakers and the lead intimidator of Detroit's feared "Bad Boys" are teaming up to try and turn around one of the NBA's most downtrodden franchises.

Rambis announced that Laimbeer, former Sacramento head coach Reggie Theus and former Celtics assistant GM Dave Wohl will serve under him as assistants on the Minnesota Timberwolves. J.B. Bickerstaff also will be retained from Kevin McHale's staff.

Rambis was hired last month to help revive a team that has only advanced out of the first round of the playoffs once in its 20-year history.

## Edwards racing with broken foot

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carl Edwards will race this weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway despite breaking his right foot playing frisbee.

Edwards is on crutches but was cleared to race in both the Nationwide and Sprint Cup Series by doctors from the University of Missouri. He is from Columbia, Mo., and was injured in a hometown game Wednesday night.

Edwards is fifth in the Sprint Cup Series standings with two races remaining before the title-deciding Chase for the championship begins.

# SPORTS HISTORY

**30 Years Ago**

The Pittsburgh Pirates were leading the National League East by two games over Montreal.

**20 Years Ago**

California University tight end Terry O'Shea made the Pittsburgh Steelers as a free agent.

**10 Years Ago**

Jeremy Cole ran for 182 yards and four touchdowns in Ringgold's 30-12 season opening romp at McKeesport.

Monessen downed Charleroi, 28-14, with fresh man Bret Jones rushing for 149 yards and a touchdown.

Belle Vernon Area dropped McGuffey, 36-22, with Nick Kalcevic gaining 240 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

Bobby Houston gained 136 yards in California's 20-6 win over Springdale.

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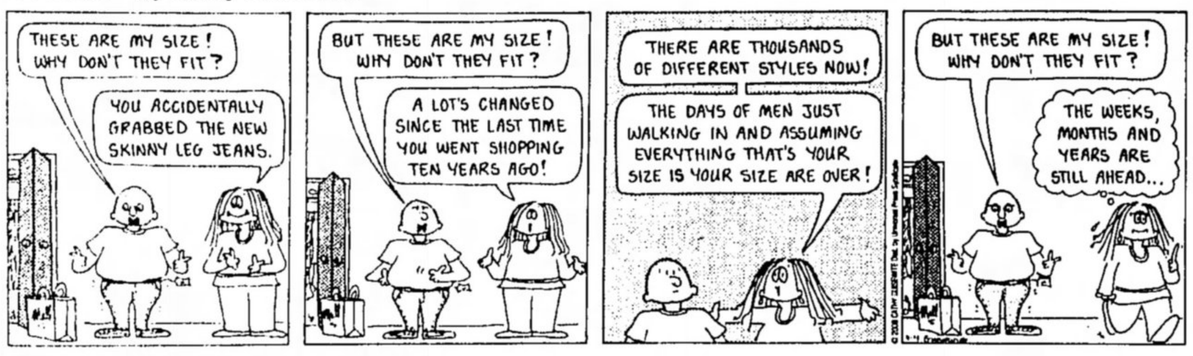
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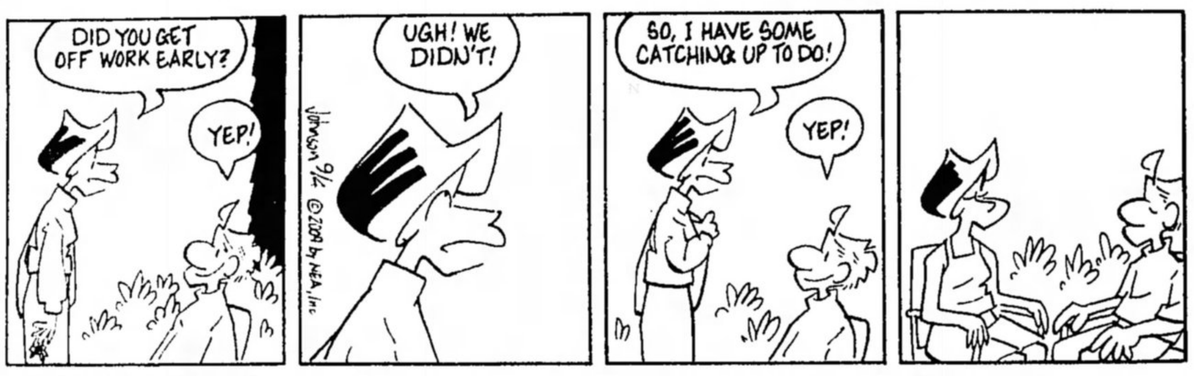


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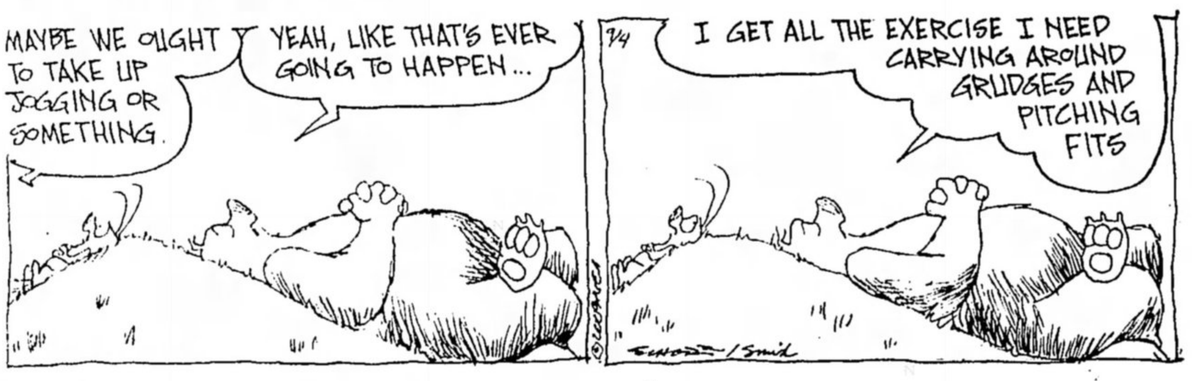
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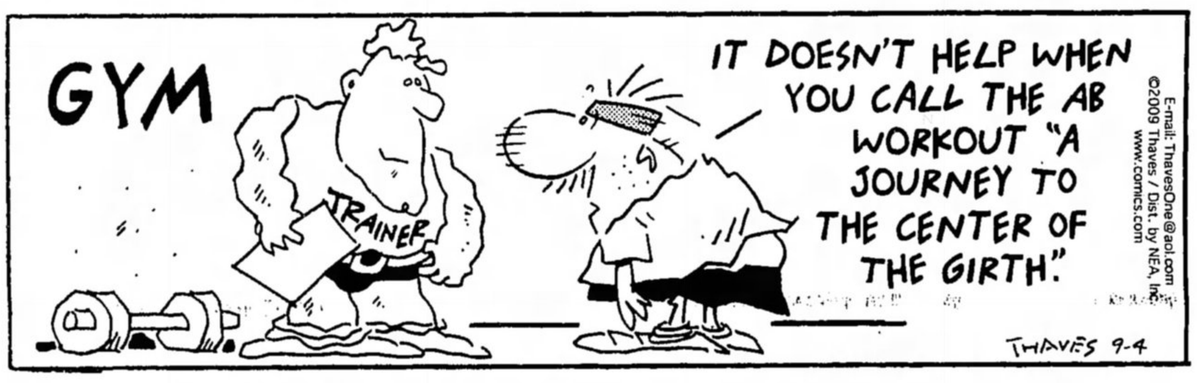
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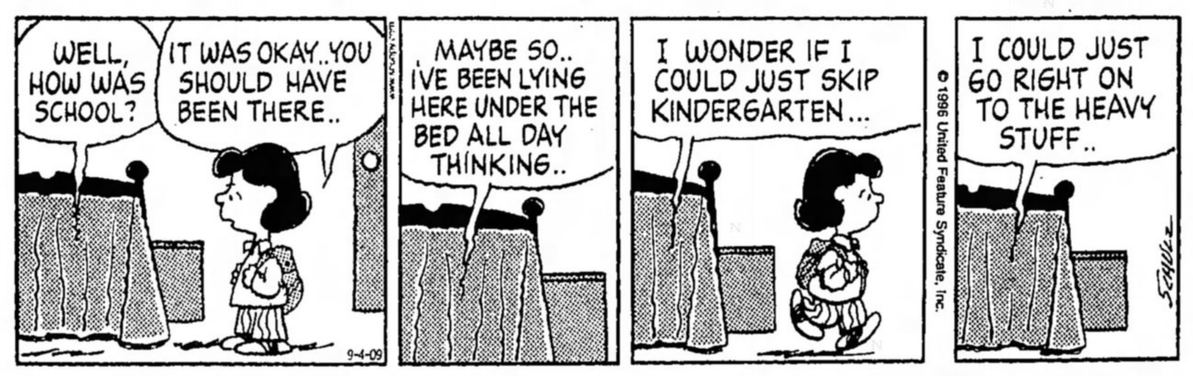
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IT WAS OKAY..YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE..
MAYBE SO.. I'VE BEEN LYING HERE UNDER THE BED ALL DAY THINKING..
I WONDER IF I COULD JUST SKIP KINDERGARTEN...
I COULD JUST GO RIGHT ON TO THE HEAVY STUFF..
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HEY, HURRICANE!
WHAT?
IS THE WORD "TOUGH" SPELLED WITH ONE F OR TWO?
WELL, IF YOU'RE GONNA USE ANY Fs AT ALL, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL IN!
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WHILE THE BOSS WAS GONE, I FOUND MY NAME ON A SHEET OF PAPER IN THE "OUT" BOX ON HIS DESK
WHAT'D YOU DO?
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I MOVED IT TO HIS "IN" BOX
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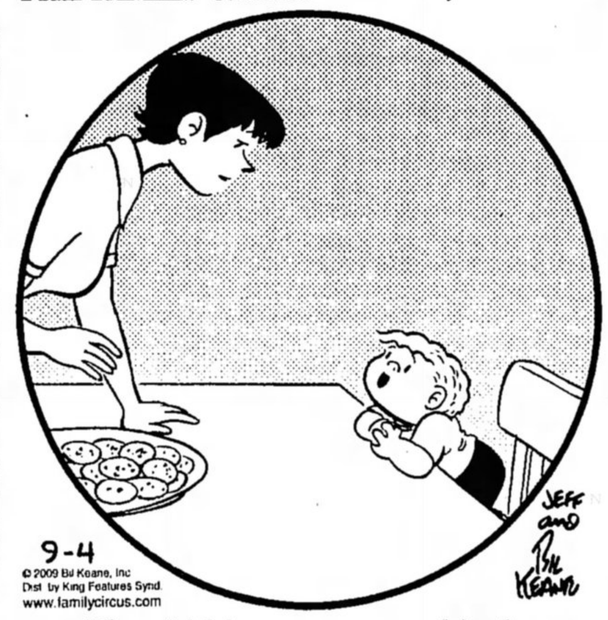


"Could I borrow a cookie for a little while?"

# SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

**Conceptis Sudoku** By Dave Green

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| | | 8 | 3 | | 7 | 2 | | |
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| 4 | | | | | | | | 3 |
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| | 7 | | | 4 | | | 1 | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 9 |
| 6 | | | | | | | | 8 |
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| | | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 9 | | |

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/04

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| 1 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/03

# THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Counterfeit
4 Big hunk
8 Ski lift
11 Manage somehow
12 Exercise system
13 Ms. Thurman
14 Stein fillers
15 Chimney's place
16 Ariz. neighbor
17 Small amount
19 Fish-like
21 Pants mishap
22 Mme.'s daughter
23 Gulf nation
26 Saffron dish
28 Famous cathedral town
29 Annexes
31 Window part
33 Sensible
35 Long sighs
37 Festive quaff
38 Finally (2 wds.)
40 Go at it
42 Mother of Horus
43 Wood ash product
44 Allude to
46 Quick bread
50 Jackie's second
51 Road shoulder
53 Freud's daughter
54 "A pox upon thee!"
55 Sheik, usually
56 Toll road
57 Actor — Danson
58 Flits about
59 Dirty place

**DOWN**

1 Machete cousin
2 Copied
3 Really fancy
4 Pancake go-with
5 Weaving machine
6 Past
7 Leave stumped
8 Digging underground
9 Black cat, maybe
10 Curly
11 Engine part
18 Movie
20 Troubles
22 "Hot Lips" series
23 Evergreen tree
24 Name in essays
25 Perplexed
26 Urban map
27 Matty of the diamond
30 Damsel
32 Size above med.
34 End of a threat
36 Utters
39 Car safety feature (2 wds.)
41 Secondhand tires
43 Nesting places
44 Ride the rapids
45 Huron neighbor
46 Nail with no head
47 Single entity
48 Pitch-dark
49 — kwon do
52 Geologic time period

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | P | L | U | S | | | S | O | A | R | | |
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| B | I | B | | | M | D | S | | N | O | I | R |
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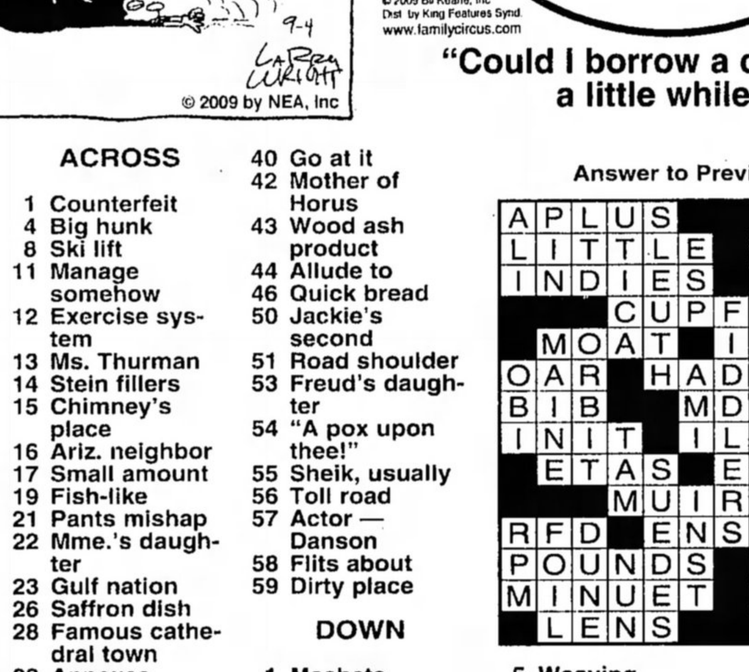

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# FEATURES

## CALENDAR WATCH

### Saturday

■ Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Church, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Flea market and bake sale, First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette St., Belle Vernon, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (no pre-sale).

■ Yard sale, First Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Bentleyville, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Motorcycle ride to benefit Flight 93 memorial, meeting at 11 a.m. for registration at Graham Street Park, North Belle Vernon, and riding to crash site in Shanksville.

## VALLEY GRAPEVINE

### Worship service set in Donora

Churches United for Change will have a worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Christian Life Ministries Inc., 410 McKean Ave., Donora.

The Rev. Eric Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Donora, will be the speaker.

### Singles Night set in Monessen

Singles Night will be held 7 p.m. Saturday at Union Baptist Church, 670 McMahon Ave., Monessen.

The Rev. Millie Thomas will sing a solo. Donald Payne and William Bronson will speak and other guest speakers will be present. Refreshments of American and Thai foods will be served after the meeting.

### Monessen School Board to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Monessen School Board will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the elementary center board room.

### New Eagle AARP to meet Tuesday

New Eagle AARP will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ponderosa Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township.

### OLoV women to meet Tuesday

Our Lady of the Valley Christian Mothers and Women's Guild will meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Philip Neri worship site cafeteria. Committee members are Chairperson Rose D'Attillio, Laurena DeGeorge, Virginia Clement, Geri Fronzaglio, Phyllis Pelliccione and Mary Fioravanti.

### Fayette Legion Committee to meet

The Fayette County American Legion Committee will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at Post 423, Masontown. Representation from each post is requested.

### Legion Post 659 plans meeting

American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon, will meet Wednesday. The club meeting is held at 7 p.m. with the legion meeting following.

### Page employees plan luncheon

Former Page Steel and Wire employees will hold a luncheon noon Wednesday at Denny's restaurant, Rostraver Township.

### Needle, yarn workshop set

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a needle and yarn workshop 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at shelter 4 in Mingo Creek County Park. This month's project will be a scarecrow made from landscape timbers. All supplies will be provided. Bring scissors and wire cutters. For reservations, call (724) 228-6867. Refreshments will be served.

### Washington Twp. supervisors to meet

The Washington Township board of supervisors will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Center Building, 1392 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon.

### Grocery bingo, auction planned

A grocery bingo and Chinese auction will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 130 W. Main St., Monongahela. Refreshments will be served.

### Twilight tax collector available

The Twilight Borough tax collector will be at the borough building to collect taxes from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. This is in lieu of the scheduled date published on the tax statements. For information, call (724) 483-6459.

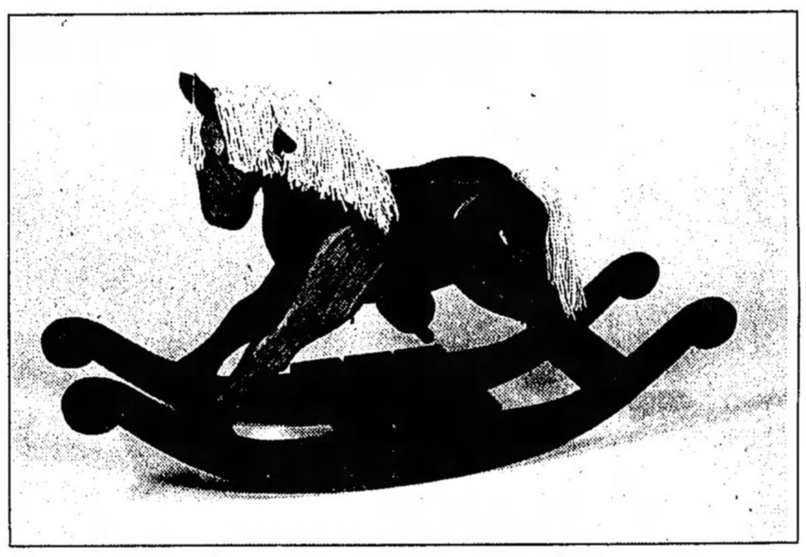
## PROJECT OF THE WEEK

# Pony rocker is still a winner

Like red wagons and Teddy bears, rocking horses have never gone out of style. In fact, this classic riding toy easily holds its own against an amazing array of electronic toys, games and gizmos. And rocking horses made by dads, grandpas and uncles are more than classics. They become family heirlooms to be ridden, enjoyed and cherished for generations to come.

This do-it-yourself version makes it fun and easy to create your family's next heirloom. This handsome and sturdy pony rocker project features a limited rocking motion, rounded edges and wooden hand grips and stirrups for safety, while a yarn mane and tail and scrap-leather ears provide jaunty good looks.

Simple construction techniques and full-size traceable patterns make the project simple, even for beginners. First, trace everything onto 2-by-12 and 1-by-12 lumber, cut out and sand. Next, assemble the pieces using glue, dowels and screws. Finally, apply stain, sealer or paint as preferred and attach the mane, tail and ears.



**Pony rocker**

The completed pony rocker measures 44 inches long by 25 inches tall.

The Pony Rocker plan, No. 738, is $9.95 and includes step-by-step directions with photos, full-size traceable patterns, construction diagrams, a materials list and cutting layout and a toll-free help line for project questions.

A package of four kids' rocker plans, No. C73, is $24.95 and includes this rocking horse and another one, plus a rocking dinosaur and a rocking airplane. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

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## VALLEY CLUB NOTES

### Amicus Class

Aug. 25 was Bag Lunch Month for members of the Amicus Class. Dessert was served by Mary Lou Lachman.

President Darla White opened the meeting with prayer and read the poem "September Gold." White then introduced special guest Ken Brandeburg who is a member of several horticulture organizations, including Phipps Conservatory. He is an avid orchid enthusiast and brought many varieties of his collection of beautiful orchids.

Reports were given and a discussion is scheduled for Sept. 22 on what specific items will be needed for a basket that is to be auctioned at the next Women's Retreat. A collection was taken and all said the Mizpah Benediction.


HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION Challenge!

Calling all bakers and cupcake decorators!

Register today to compete in the HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CREATION CHALLENGE at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food & Cooking Expo on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The Holiday Cupcake Creation Challenge is a cupcake decorating competition, benefiting Operation Santa Claus*. Contestants will have the chance to create their most unique holiday cupcake(s) and compete for a **$1,000 grand prize** courtesy of Relish Magazine!

To enter, visit **contests.TribLIVE.com**, upload a photo of a cupcake that you've decorated and submit your $10.00 registration fee!

*Portion of the proceeds benefits Operation Santa Claus.*

To enter by mail, see details on the form below.

**Don't wait, deadline to register is 5 pm September 25, 2009!**

**Not a baker? You can still get involved!** Starting September 25, (5:30p.m.) visit **contests.TribLIVE.com** and vote for your favorites! Give 5 lucky contestants the chance to compete in person at the GoodTaste! Pittsburgh Food and Cooking Expo.

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## VALLEY CLUB NOTES

### St. Michael Ladies Society

A brief St. Michael Ladies Society meeting was call to order by President Joan Rakosky to discuss and finalize plans for the upcoming Middle Eastern Dinner.

The dinner will take place in the St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church hall, Monessen, from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 10. The menu will comprise kibbee, meat pie, grape leaves, Syrian rice with sauce, green beans and a salad. Baklawa will be the desert and coffee and tea will be served. Sept. 19 and 26 will be preparation days.

It was discussed to pre-sell tickets so that enough food could be prepared. Pre-sale tickets will be given to all council members to sell. Also, Joan Rakosky (724) 483-8884 and Lora Nahas (724) 344-0831 can be contacted by phone for tickets. The Rev. Fred Pfeil can also be contacted at the church at (724) 684-7460.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

*Today's clue: M equals U*

"Y'E XRYIX WR SRGGCXC. Y JRI'W STPC YZ YW PMYIH EF STPCCP. Y'J PTWKCP DC HETPW WKTI T ERNYC HWTP." - ITWTGYC BRPWETI

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." - Les Brown

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### Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.


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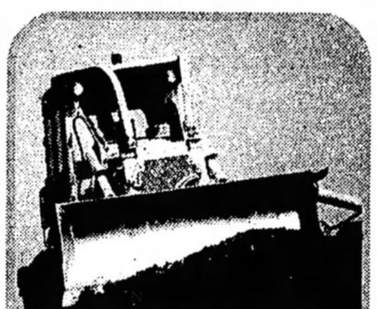

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**CARRIER WANTED BELLE VERNON**
- 300's-400's Market
- Wood St.

18 Papers Mon.-Sat.
No Collections
**724-684-2648**

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- 400's-500's 4th St.
- Center Ave.
- Isabella Ave.
- Pennsylvania Ave.

30 Papers Mon.-Sat.
No Collections
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**CARRIER WANTED CHARLEROI**
- 900's-1100's McKean

15 Papers Mon.-Sat.
No Collections
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**CARRIER WANTED CHARLEROI**
- 800's-1100's Lincoln

23 Papers Mon.-Sat.
No Collections
**724-684-2648**

**DONORA ROUTES OPEN**
3rd, Allen, Castner
20 Papers
1st, Allen, Kenric
Market
20 Papers
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## 4100/PERSONALS

## 1000/GEN/RECRUITMENT

**WORLD KITCHEN, LLC**

World Kitchen, LLC, located in Charleroi PA is looking to fill several positions and categories to meet production needs and maintain workforce levels. We are currently looking for Selectors, Journeyman Master Mold Machinists and Journeyman Electricians.

**SELECTORS**
We are accepting applications for employment for selectors, our entry level position. We offer a starting salary of $11.04/hour and progress to $11.54. Applicants must be available to work rotating shifts, be available to work on-call.

**JOURNEYMAN MASTER MOLD MACHINISTS**
We offer a starting salary of $17.13/hour and progress to $18.11 after successful shop certification (approximately six months).
All applicants must have State Certified Journeyman Papers or proof of completion of an apprenticeship program. Other requirements of the job include:
- A minimum of 5 years shop experience.
- Must possess a broad range of skills including CNC, manually operated equipment and benchwork
- Must be able to interpret blueprints and setup machines.

**JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIANS**
All applicants must have State Certified Journeyman Papers or proof of completion of an apprenticeship program. We offer a starting salary of $16.685/hour and progress to $18.285/hour after successful shop certification (approximately six months). Other requirements of the job include:
- A minimum of 5 years experience in an industrial setting.
- Must possess electrical and electronic technician knowledge.
- Ability to work on servo processes and PLC is preferred.
- Must be able to interpret blueprints and ladder logic

After completion of a 135 working day probationary period, World Kitchen Employees are entitled to a comprehensive benefits package, which includes medical coverage, life insurance, a 401K plan and wage increase. All Employees who successfully complete the probationary period become members of the United Steelworkers. Applicants must be available to work rotating shifts, be available for a call out when needed, and lift a minimum of 50 pounds. Candidates must successfully complete a series of job related tests, a medical examination, drug screen, a background check, and an interview.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FACILITY!
To apply, you must go to the PA CareerLink, Mon Valley, Donora Industrial Park, 570 Galiffa Drive, Donora, PA from September 8-10 from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Throughout the hiring process the applicant will be required to provide photo identification and social security card.
*World Kitchen is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

## 4100/PERSONALS

## FIND IT FIRST AND QUICK IN THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT

# Service Directory

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND BUSINESSES IN THE MID-MON VALLEY

### APPLIANCE PARTS

CHARLEROI SWEEPER vacuums - repairs - parts. 618 Fallowfield Ave. 724-483-3397.

Service Directory Ads Work. For Only $59.77 per month. Call 724-684-5200

### APPLIANCE REPAIR

APPLIANCE REPAIR Center. Call 724-684-4432 or 724-797-0644.

### ASPHALT

DRIVEWAY Paving-asphalt sealer coatings. Free est. Jim Lovell. 724-925-6498 or 724-635-0054.

### AUTO SERVICE/REPAIRS

WEIDMAN TRANSMISSIONS Import Specialist, Domestic, Heavy Equipment & Allison Trucks. Call Jim 412-384-4822.

GRECO'S Automotive Services. PA Enhanced emission testing, remanufacture used motors & trans. installed, head gaskets, clutches, computer diagnostic, major auto repair. Insured. 724-938-2911, 800-640-2902. ASE Certified

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### CARPETING

CALL Carpeting Unlimited for a personal evening viewing of new flooring in your home. Carpet, hardwood, ceramic, cork, formica & vinyl. Tues. - Wed. -Thurs., 8am - 4pm or by appt. 724-258-4845.

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MILLER'S Magic Carpet Cleaning. Whole house special $139*. Clean 4 areas for only $109. Powerful truck mounted units. 724-483-2370.

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### CONCRETE & BLOCK

DAVIS Landscaping & Trucking doing exposed & stamped concrete, all block walls, porches, walks, driveways & floors. 14 yrs craftsmanship No job too big or too small 724-258-6939

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### ELECTRICAL CONTINUED

O&O ELECTRIC- new & old work. Free est., fully ins. Alan 724-433-2183.

### ENTERTAINMENT

DJ/Karaoke Service Clubs, Parties, Events karaokekenny.com or 724-684-4930.

### EXCAVATING & LANDSCAPING

Retaining Walls Built, Sewer & Water Lines, Landscaping Supplies 724-562-0362 (cell) or 724-379-5115.

### EXTERMINATING SERVICES

TERMITE Bating...$450. Complete pest elimination. Toll free 1-888-564-2864.

### FENCING

DON'S FENCE chain link, wood, vinyl, hand rails & all your fencing needs. Free est. rea. rates. 724-929-3218.

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FIREWOOD unsplit. Perry/Belle Vernon area. We will load. Call 724-323-4835

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### MOVING and STORAGE

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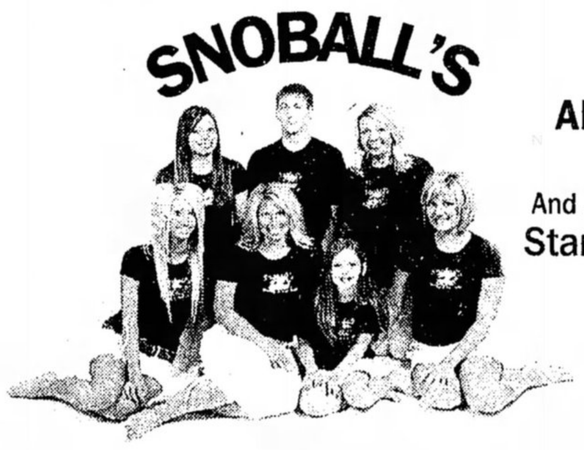


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### TREE SERVICE

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Eastgate 19
Monessen, Pa 15062
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## 1120/SITUATIONS

**WILL DO BASIC HOUSECLEANING**
**Mon Valley Vicinity**
**Call**
**724-258-8809**

## 2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Delverme, Virginia
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of VIRGINIA DELVERME, late of Luzerne Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

James J. DelVerme
Executor
807 Marion Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
9/4,11,18

Grieb, Olga
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF OLGA GRIEB, late of Bentleyville, County of Washington and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

ELLEN BUSHNELL
11511 JONATHAN ROAD
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32225

Neil J. Marcus, Esquire
P.O. Box 652
Monongahela, PA 15063
9/4,11,18

Santini, Sheryl Lynne
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of SHERYL LYNNE SANTINI a/k/a SHERYL L. SANTINI, late of Charleroi Borough, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned.

Jillian Tinivell,
Co-Administratrix
21 Central Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022

Corin A. Tinivell,
Co-Administratrix
21 Central Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022

Richard C. Mudrick
Attorney at Law
300 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
8/21,28;9/4

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## 2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Sethman, Mary Ann
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of MARY ANN SETHMAN, late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Richard G. Sethman,
Executor
84 Beatty Lane
Scenery Hill, PA 15360

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
9/4,11,18

## 2020/BID NOTICES

CARROLL TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
SOLICITATION FOR BIDS
REPLACEMENT OEM SEWAGE PUMPS AND MOTORS - EQUIPMENT ONLY

PROJECT:

VICTORY HILL PUMP & VALLEY INN PUMP STATIONS (2) ALLIS CHALMERS/ITT OEM-NSW - MODEL 400 - 6X4X14CV - COUNTER CLOCKWISE - POSITION TBD MECHANICAL SEALS CLOSE COUPLED PUMP AND 40 HP MODEL 284 VPZ MOTOR, 1170 RPM OR APPROVED EQUAL

Sealed Bids for the Project shall be received at the Carroll Township Authority office at 130 Baird St., Carroll Township, PA until 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, Thursday, September 17, 2009 and will then be publicly opened and read aloud at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time or shortly thereafter on the same day and place.

Bids shall include the complete cost of the replacement pumps & motors and freight to the Carroll Township Authority Rozik Maintenance facility. A copy of the exact specifications for the replacement OEM equipment or approved equal is available from the Carroll Township Authority at 724-489-4493. These replacement pumps are required to be able to be installed within the confines of the existing unique location at the Victory Hill Pump Station and Valley Inn Pump Stations.

The Carroll Township Authority reserves the right, at its option, to waive any informalities, defects, errors, or omissions in any or all bids and to reject any or all bids.

Carroll Township
Authority
Richard Kuppelweiser
Chairman
9/1,4

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## 2020/BID NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Monessen will receive sealed bids for the City of Monessen Oil & Gas Lease Bid Proposal until 10:00 A.M. (prevailing local time), September 11, 2009, at the Office of the City Clerk, Mon Valley Health Center Building, 4th Floor, Eastgate 8, Monessen, PA 15062. Verbal, telegraph, telephone or facsimile (Faxing) of bids will not be acceptable. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM (prevailing local time) on the 11th day of September 2009 at the Mon Valley Health Center Building, 4th Floor, Eastgate 8, Monessen, PA.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked "City of Monessen Oil and Gas Lease Bid Proposal".

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank cashier's or trust company treasurer's check or approved surety company's bid bond made payable to the City of Monessen, in the amount of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars.

Bidders' proposal shall be for Drilling and Production of Oil described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Instructions to Bidders are on file at the above office of the Owner where they may be examined and preparatory to and during bidding. Copies may be obtained from the Monessen City Clerk.

The Monessen City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in bidding.

Bids shall remain open for a period of 65 days and no bid or part, or parts thereof, or items therein, shall be withdrawn for a period of 65 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

Anthony Petaccia,
Mayor
City of Monessen
8/29;9/4,8

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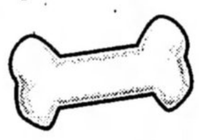

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## 2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Monessen intends to adopt at the Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 the following ordinance:

BILL 4 OF 2009

An Ordinance of the City of Monessen Prohibiting Entry or Access by any and all Persons to the Second Floor of the City Municipal Building Located at 100 Third Street, Monessen Pennsylvania for the Purpose of Protecting, Encouraging and Enforcing Public Health and Safety.

A full text of the ordinance may be viewed anytime prior to the meeting between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday in the City Clerk's Office, 4th Floor of the Mon Valley Health Center, Eastgate 8, Monessen, PA

Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
9/4

## Service Directory

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## 2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

The Washington Township Supervisors and the Washington Township Municipal Authority Board will hold an informational meeting concerning sewage on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Supervisors regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. This session will take place at the Community Center Hall, 1392 Fayette Avenue, Belle Vernon, and discussion will be limited to the upcoming sewage project.

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## 4010/CEMETERY LOTS

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Semaria section, near main road, across from old school. $1045 for both. 724-929-4578

## 4070/LOST & FOUND

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**724-489-9020**

## 5000/APPAREL & JEWELRY

BOYS CLOTHES size 7-8, bag full, some name brands, $25.00. 724-929-2730.

GIRLS CLOTHES size 14-16, name brands, excellent for school, $30 bag. 724-929-2730

WOMEN'S (M) new fleece lounging pants, $4 or $7 for both. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

WOMEN'S assorted dress/casual shoes size 9, $5 a pair. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

WOMEN'S baseball style fleece (M) jackets, $5 each or $13 all. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

WOMEN'S gray winter boots size 9, never worn, $5. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

WOMEN'S M 2 pc. mauve fleece set, like new $10. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

WOMEN'S M burgundy micro fiber winter coat with hood, $20. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

## 5010/APPLIANCES

REFRIGERATOR dorm size $20.00
Call
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## 5020/ARTICLES

2 STEEL DOORS- new! 36". $50 each. Call 724-379-6160.

AIR HOCKEY TABLE 7' deluxe model, electric scorekeeping & sound effects, exc. cond., $200. 724-809-7192.

BACKPACK like new, good for hikers, $5.00
Call
724-929-3891.

BEDSPREAD twin, red, $6. Sheet set beige print full size $7. 724-225-4628.

BOOKCASE- 3 shelf, oak finish, good condition. $15. Call 724-379-9547.

CATALOG CASE rolling, locking handles, many compartments, new $60. 724-929-3891.

CHAIN FALL- 1 ½ ton, $50. 724-929-3742.

COMFORTER SKIRT sham, sheets, twin size, $12.00. Call 724-225-4628.

COMFORTER twin, beige print, $8.00
Call
724-225-4628.

CURLING IRON professional Conair, $10 or best offer. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

CURTAINS 53"Wx79L, white $5. Silk flower table centerpiece, nice $8. 724-225-4628.

## 5020/ARTICLES

DISH SET- Pfaltzgraff, 93 pcs. "Rio" pattern. $200. 412-805-8760.

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FILING CABINET black medical records, large, $50.00. Call 724-929-2730.

FINE CHINA service for 8, extras, call for details, $200. 724-929-3891.

HAIRSETTER instant Clairol $15 or best offer. After 5pm 724-684-9518.

ICE SKATES women's size 10, new $20; Kohler toilet 1.6 gpf $30; blender/smoothie maker $10. 724-483-1801.

INTERIOR DOOR- new, white, in jamb. $25. Call 724-379-7384.

KITCHEN KNIVES + block, new. $40. Call 724-938-3436.

KITCHEN LIGHT 16" octagon, white, $8.00
Call
724-225-4628.

LOUNGE CHAIR- large, maroon. $50. Call 724-379-8026.

MATTRESS cover full size $7. Shower curtain, white $7. Call 724-225-4628.

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PEPSI COOLER old 2'x4'x42"H, works good, $75.00. Call 724-684-7289.

POOL TABLE- game-room size, $150; also: FREEZER- large, $40. Call 412-805-8760.

PORCH CHAIR metal bouncy, has surface rust, $5.00. Call 724-379-5104.

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3610 Houses/Rent - Greene
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3630 Apts./Complex
3635 Sales/Rent
3640 Rooms/Rent
3645 Mobile Rentals
3650 Wanted Rent

**COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE - 3700**
3700 Commercial - Rent
3705 Commercial - Sales
3710 Industrial - Rent
3715 Industrial - Sales
3720 Investment Property
3725 Wanted Rent

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - 4000**
4000 Adoption
4010 Cemetery Lots
4020 Entertainment
4030 Financial
4040 Home Improvements
4050 Insurance
4060 Legal Services
4070 Lost & Found
4080 Memoriams
4090 Miscellaneous
4100 Personals
4110 Personal Services
4120 Thanks
4130 Tickets

**MERCHANDISE - 5000**
5000 Apparel & Jewelry
5010 Appliances
5020 Articles
5030 Auctions
5040 Building Material
5050 Business Equipment
5060 Computers
5070 Electronics
5080 Exercise Equipment
5090 Farm Equipment
5100 Feed
5110 Food
5120 Fuel
5130 Furniture
5140 Garden
5150 Home Health Care
5160 Livestock
5170 Machinery/Hardware
5180 Musical
5190 Restaurant Equipment
5200 Top Soil
5210 Trade/Swap
5220 Wanted To Buy

**GARAGE SALES - 5300**
5300 Flea Markets
5310 Garage Sales

**PETS - 5500**
5500 Adoptions
5510 Pet In Memoriams
5520 Animal Shelters
5530 Animal Shows
5540 Birds
5550 Cats
5560 Dogs - AKC/Purebred
5570 Dogs - Mixed
5580 Horses
5585 Pets - Mixed
5590 Kennels/Boarding
5600 Lost & Found
5610 Pet Supplies/Services

**AUTOMOTIVE - 6000**
6000 Travel
6010 Recreational Vehicles
6020 Motorcycles
6030 Trucks
6040 Sport Utility
6050 Parts & Accessories
6060 Vans
6070 Leasing/Rentals
6080 Auto Sales
6090 Antique/Classic
6100 Wanted To Buy
6110 Auto Service Dealers

## 4100/PERSONALS

# ASTRO ✦ GRAPH

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Your Birthday
SATURDAY, SEPT. 5, 2009

**VIRGO**
August 23 through September 22

**You are the only one who can determine whether you will be a winner or a loser in the year ahead. If you set your sights high and work as hard as you can, rewards that seem impossible can be achieved.**

VIRGO (**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**) -- Don't expect associates to show a spirit of cooperation if you are being uncooperative yourself. You need to set the tone for unity first. You'll get what you give.

LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Unfortunately, all problems you encounter are likely to be self-inflicted by poor behavior. Take care not to litter your path with obstacles and barriers; life is tough enough.

SCORPIO (**Oct. 24-Nov. 22**) -- Avoid taking sides if you find yourself amid dueling friends with whom you frequently socialize. If you get in the middle, no matter how well intended, it will cost you pals on both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (**Nov. 23-Dec. 21**) -- Be sure that you do everything you promised, because if you suddenly find it inconvenient and attempt to hedge your commitments, you will come off looking bad.

CAPRICORN (**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**) -- Listen when someone older tries to offer sage advice. If you refuse to hear or understand this person's arguments, you will have to live with your mistakes.

AQUARIUS (**Jan. 20-Feb. 19**) -- It is always important to try to live within your means, but it could be more vital than usual at this time. Don't spend more than you should, and don't take on new financial obligations.

PISCES (**Feb. 20-March 20**) -- The very people you are trying to help could stymie you the most. If you can't make them understand that your actions are for their benefit, give it up.

ARIES (**March 21-April 19**) -- Instead of attempting to foist your responsibilities onto someone else, you need to take full responsibility for their completion. Don't try to blame others for your unfinished work.

TAURUS (**April 20-May 20**) -- Because of the way you've been treating or neglecting your friends lately, your popularity is now extremely fragile. Do what you can to make amends.

GEMINI (**May 21-June 20**) -- Be exceptionally mindful of your choice of words and/or behavior, because even if you should accidentally offend someone, it isn't apt to be easily forgotten or forgiven.

CANCER (**June 21-July 22**) -- A past incident that has caused you or another person to hold a grudge will be at the root of an unruly episode. Until both forgive, these ugly occurrences will continue.

LEO (**July 23-Aug. 22**) -- Unless you are cautious and gather all available information, you could commit yourself to a financial arrangement that might be far more involved and expensive than anticipated.

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# GARAGE SALES

# REAL ESTATE

### 5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

BELLE VERNON Multi Family Sept 4 & 5, 9-2 522 Fayette St. Toys, clothes, crafts, misc.

BELLE VERNON Yard & Antique Collectibles Sale Sat., Sept 5, 8am-3pm 136 Rt. 981.

BELLE VERNON Flea Market & Bake Sale Fri. & Sat., Sept. 4 & 5, 9-1. First Presbyterian Church 501 Fayette St.

BELLE VERNON- 171 Finley Rd., across from Gabes Sat., Sept 5, 9am-3pm Multi Family Sale

BELLE VERNON- 334 Roley St Sat & Sun, Sept 5 & 6, 9-2pm Household, crafts, sewing machines.

CARROLL TWP Fri., Sept. 4, 6pm-8pm & Sat., Sept 5, 9am-3pm 114 Greenridge Dr Kid's clothes, toys, books, household items, Christmas decorations and much, much more.

CARROLL TWP - 71 Donora Rd., down from old Sampson Star Church Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 9-2pm

CHARLEROI Huge Multi Family 208 McKean Ave Sept. 4,5,6, 9-2 Antiques, collectibles, household, furniture, something for everyone

DONORA- 719 Waddell Ave. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Sept 4, 5 & 6, 8-4pm. VCR tapes, records, computer discs, misc.

DUNBAR 2 Family Sale Sat., Sept 5, 9-3 3791 W. Crawford Ave. O Scale trains, household, Christmas, etc.

FALLOWFIELD TWP.- Truman Rd., off Rt. 481 Sat., Sept. 5, 8-1pm. Lawn mower, tools, misc. household items.

FAYETTE CITY Sat., Sept. 5, 8-? 1157 & 1143 3rd St. Cleaning out house misc. household items.

FAYETTE CITY- 443 Cook St. Fri & Sat., Sept. 4 & 5, 8am-2pm. Everything Must Go!

JACOBS CREEK- River Rd. 3 miles from Smithton Truckstop thru Smithton. Sept. 4, 5 & 6, 8-3pm. Multi Family. Honda quad good condition, 2 new Warrior mini bikes, 7 rifles, etc.

LONG BRANCH- 18 Howe St. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 4 & 5, 9-2. Huge Sale. Something for everyone.

MONESSEN Corner of Nash/Marion, 1341 Nash. Sun., Sept. 6, 10-4. Hardly used & brand new!

LYNNWOOD Annual April Kutska Memorial Scholarship Yard & Bake Sale. Antiques, tools, furniture, Victrola, toys, something for everyone. 201 Grove Ave. Sat., Sept. 5, 8am-3pm.

MONESSEN Huge Sale Sat., Sept. 5, 8am-? 1012 Dennis Ave. Clothes, household items. Don't miss this.

MONESSEN Moving Sale 807 Alexander Ave. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 4 & 5, 8:30am-3pm. No presales.

MONESSEN Sat., Sept. 5, 10-2. 669 McKee Ave. Household, furniture, exercise equip., something for everyone

MONONGAHELA- 1011 West Main St. Sat., Sept. 5, 9am-? 4 Families. Tons of items incl. bikes, tires & more.

N.CHARLEROI- 802 Center Ave. Sept 4 & 5 9-5. Bikes, beer cans, sports cards, state quarter albums & more.

NEWELL Sat., Sept. 5, 9:30-1. 506 Mill Ave. Kids clothes girls size 0-4T & boys newborn-3 mos., records, household, holiday, more. No early birds please!

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CARROLL TWP. 3 bedroom, 1 acre, garage, owner will give over $6,000 towards buyer costs, home warranty. Call Mary at Coldwell Banker TCR 724-454-9059. $102,000.

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CHARLEROI 317 Shady Ave. 5 rooms, 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, dining room, bath, detached garage. $425+ utilities. Call 724-684-3185.

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MONESSEN 3 bedroom house. $600 inc. water, sewage, garbage. No dogs. Call 724-454-9039.

MONESSEN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, washer, dryer, garbage inc. Nice back yard. $550+ sec. $550 1st mo. rent. 1 yr. lease min. 724-267-4377.

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